Anna's Journal for Cynthia. — Monday Feb. 6. '72

Again I have commenced a journal for you, Cynthia, but I fear I shall not be as fortunate as I was when I commenced it before, for you know you came down, before I had hardly begun to write in it. It is a delightful morning; the sun shines brightly, but it is quite cold. it is just such a morning as I should like to ride home. "Always talking about going home", I think I hear you say, but, my dear, how can I help thinking of it, when I am writing home; and if I think of it, why not write about it? Surely you want me to tell you my thoughts, dont you, sis? — I have just eaten my dinner and am prepared to write you a few words more: have been to drawing class since I commenced writing. I am now taking the Residence and Tomb of Washington. I think it is very pretty. There has nothing very interesting happened that I think of now: only I dreamed last night of waking up and finding that you were sleeping with me. But I soon found my mistake, and found that I was alone.

Yesterday, it was quite stormy in the afternoon, and I did not go out: in the morning, I went to Mr. Hubbards meeting. Where did you go? O, it seems as if I could hardly stay in the house today, it is so pleasant. I wonder if you have such pleasant weather up there, as we have here. It is beautiful weather for Henry to take his morning rides.

Yes. — Marys letter was received last evening. It was "short and

sweet." I do not know what Elizabeth thinks of the proposal, but I guess she will write for herself. Today it is very pleasant, but not as cold as it was yesterday. I saw Ellen Williams a few minutes this morning, as I happened in the kitchen. I had not seen her before since she came here. Tell Mary that Miss Hunt was here last Saturday and wished to be remembered to her. Aunt Sarah was at Elizabeth's yesterday and took dinner there. I did not see her. E. said she thought she appeared better than usual. I sent a letter off to Lizzie and Sarah Kerr yesterday afternoon. Hope Sarah Ann has received the one I sent her before this, has she not?

Wednesday.— I wonder if you are writing a journal for me now, Sir. I hope so, for I shall expect one from you. It storms. O, so hard today and makes me think of home, as it always does when the wind blows hard. O, I wish you were here now, Sir, I have had more fun this room than I have had before since I came here. We have just been having just such a laughing spell as we used to have at home once in a while; you remember, dont you?

I have got me some pretty white yarn to knit some stockings. Mrs. Butler went in to the store yesterday to select it for me; ask mother if that was right. Elizabeth has just been making a doll for Johnny; she has made the body, but has not got a head for it yet. She intends to get an india rubber head if she can.

I must finish this page out if I can, so that I will have two pages written. It dont seem as if I would ever get this

finished, to send it off, but I hope you will get it sometime.

Sis. — I did not find time to write in this yesterday, and have but a few minutes today. Henry was at Elizabeth's a few minutes last evening. I was sorry to see them look so badly, but he seems to keep up his spirits pretty well. I hope we shall hear from him soon, to know what the Dr. says about home. If I do not see John on his way home, you will write and tell me what he says about Henry, won't you, Sis? I promised to write to him in two or three days; I wonder if you made any such fair promises, did you? — I am expecting a letter from you every day now, Sis, and hope I shall not be disappointed much longer, shall I?

Monday. — I went to Ulica Saturday afternoon, and Robert and Jennie brought me home yesterday. I had a very pleasant visit: went to cousin Mary's Sat. evening, and took tea; no cold water, I mean. I saw little Ella there for the first time; she is a pretty little thing I think: she took quite a fancy to me too, Sis. Mary said she never went to any one so quick excepting Lizzie. Mary is quite anxious for you and Letitia to come down and make her visit. I wish you could Sis, you would enjoy it, I know, and Letitia, too. — I took some of my drawings down to order some frames to be made; Robert did not have any time to go Saturday, but Jennie promised to have him go this week

I hope he will, for if I dont have my Monocromatic pieces framed before I go home, I dont know what I shall do with them, for I cant carry them very well without frames.

Sis, it looks gloomy out doors, it is raining and cold. Jack Frost has been busy all morning adorning the trees and fences; he has got all the trees hung full of his silvery fruit and has spread a smooth glossy carpet all over the ground. It is very beautiful, if it does look rather lonely. — Cynthia! I see I cant finish this letter, if I try so I may as well give it up. Maybe I shall have something more interesting to tell you tomorrow. I have not got my composition written yet, but I shall hain't to have it finished before Wednesday.

Tuesday. — Dear Cynthia, here I am again writing to you. I wonder if you too are not writing to me now. I can but hope so. I do hope I shall have a letter from you soon; you know you have not written to me since you were here.

Tell the girls that I love them all, and would like to write to them if I could. Can not Father and Mother make us a visit before the term closes? It seems most too bad if they cant make us one good visit before E. moves away. She will have to leave her house, the first of April, and that will be, you know, in about five weeks, now. — I called at Mrs. Bowman's yesterday afternoon, with Carry and Laura. We had quite a pleasant time. It was very slippery, and so the girls went clear home with me. If they had not I dont know how I should have got home, for it was almost impossible to keep from falling down. This morning, it was not quite as slippery, but I had one good fall, however, but did not hurt me any.

If Father has any money to spare I should like to have him send me some before I go home, as I have not enough to pay my tuition. I have about three dollars, now, and you know I owe Miss White five dollars besides seven for tuition. Give my love to Margaret and her little boys, and all the rest of the folks. I saw Mary Thomas, when I was in Utica Saturday she was in Roberts room for a few minutes. Now, sis, I am sorry I have had to write this with a pencil but could do no better, very well. I hope it will be readable when it reaches you. When you write, tell me how Sarah is, want you, Sis, to write to me as soon as you can, and I shall be very much obliged to you. Sarra.

Remsen Nov 6, 1851

Dear sister Cynthia,

I commenced writing to you two or three days ago, but got discouraged and gave up. The only excuse I can give for not writing to you before is, that you did not write to me, and you know I told you before you went that I should expect a letter from you first. We have not heard from the girls now for three or four weeks, and that was through a letter Jane wrote to Lewis; we (that is the folks at home) have not had but one letter from them since they went away. Sarah writes home about once a week; we had a letter from her a week ago last Monday, have not heard this week yet. Mother says that John Henry ~~has~~ has really got a little sister; is it so? if it is, what is her name? who does she look like? and what does Johnny think of her? Our Church meeting is ~~to~~ today, and I do wish you were here to go with us to the house of God, but as that cannot be we must be contented. There have been received by letter since you went away, Griffith Jenkins and wife, and another woman. Father is away from home this week he ~~started~~ Monday morning, was going to somewhere in Madison County against Tuesday where they expected to have a meeting and were going to ordain Mr. John Floyd a young preacher, and they were to have a meeting in Waterville today, I think it was; we expect Pa home tomorrow night or Saturday. Edward Josiah went home last Saturday to see his folks and came back Monday. Mother and Aunt went to the village Saturday and Ma got me a shawl, and they got several other things. We had a letter from Aunt Jane Williams last week, it came by a private hand; she sent a little collar which her youngest daughter had just finished at school for Mothers

youngest daughter, and if you can make out who that is, please tell me ~~inhengoor~~ you write; I presume it will fall to your lot, at least I hope so. It seems very lonely here without you, dear sister, I never knew what it was before to have you away from home so long. I am the only daughter at home now, but I fear that I fill the place of being the oldest daughter poorer than any of my sisters would; but I hope the time is not far distant when Sarah and you will be home with ~~us~~ us. We are in hopes that Elizabeth will be able to make us a visit before winter, we shall be quite disappointed if she does not. Give my love to Brother Buttler and Elizabeth and to Father and Mother Buttler, and Henry, and kiss Johnny and the baby for me. Mother wants you and Elizabeth to write a letter between you. ~~If you~~ We shall expect a letter from you right off now I have written to you. I am going to try to get Eddy to write a little now, so good bye, with much love from your affectionate sister

Anna

Mother wants me to tell you that Aunt is well and not very troublesome, Mary Jones wants me to give her love to you — A.

Dear sister Cynthia,

— Thursday —

One day John, David, Josiah, and I went down to Mr. Powels to get some apples; we got ~~six~~ barrels full: the next day John and I went to get some more apples from S. Griffiths Sixty, and got eight bushels and a half: the next day after that we went to William Hughes and got four bushels. Oh! I wish I could write for myself because Anna wont write all the nonsense I want her to. I want to see you so much I dont know what to do. We are going to have some fresh meat to dinner.

Friday — John and I went to get some sweet cidar this morning to make vinegar; and Aunt and Mother went with ~~us~~ as far as Farm and stand there untill we came back. Aunt and Anna went to John Y. Griffiths this afternoon, they have just come home. Josiah sends his best respects to you and David too. You must take good care of Johnny and the baby. When are you coming home? Please to write to me before a great while. — Eddy —

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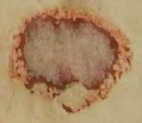

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Saturday night. Oct. 22

My Cynthia;

I have just been reading your ~~kind~~ very welcome letter, and you cant think how much good it did me. I feel so much better after reading it, it would be vain for me to try to tell you how much. I was trying to write a composition when Elizabeth brought it up stairs, but I guess that composition must go unfinised for to night, and I will write a few words in this, instead. ~~&~~ I was ~~very~~ glad to hear that Sarah dear was so much better; I had been quite anxious to hear, ever since I was at home, as, you know, she was quite poorly, then ~~when I was at home~~. Tell her I want her to get well fast against I come home again. because I have got a good many things ~~things~~ that I want to tell her, that I fear I shall not be able to, if she is not pretty strong. I am glad that she keeps up her spirits so well, for I dont know what you would do, if she should be as down-spirited as the rest of you were when I was up there. — But you did not say a word about ~~Le~~ Letitia in your letter, where is she? and what is she doing? I should really like to know. Tell her I want her to write

to me, and tell me her whereabouts. I am glad to hear that Lewis and Henry have gone to New York; I hope their health will be improved when they come back. Did Sarah send for those books with them? I hope she did, for I am afraid we shall not have such a good chance very soon, again. I wonder if Henry intends to come back to school this term. I fear he will not, as the time is so short now, before the term closes. O, Sis does it seem that only "four little weeks" separate us? it really does not to me, but it is, I hope, verily so. Four weeks from today, I hope to see you all, as the school will close on Friday this term, which makes the term two or three days shorter than usual. Mary left here three or four days ago, and we have not heard from her since. I do not know whether she has gone home or whether she is staying with Jennie in Utica. We had a very pleasant visit while she was here, though she kept to work most of the time, and, I guess, didn't get much time to rest. For two or three days after she went, it seemed so lonely here, you cant think what a difference it made to have her go away. It seemed as if there was no life left, hardly. Elizabeth kept saying every little while, "How lonely it is without Mary," and Jessie would say, "When will she turn back?" O, I guess Mary does not fully appreciate her worth, does she Sis? Elizabeth talks some of going up home next vacation, if it is pleasant, but she thinks she cannot

go, at present. Tell Sarah Maria that I want she should try and find a name for her baby before I come home, for I shall want to know what to call it; and it is hard work to think of it without any name. I have to think of it now, only as the little baby with a green dress and pink apron on, and you know that is a good deal of trouble. Does he laugh as much as ever, now? and how often does he come over there? Tell Sarah Ann how sorry I am, that she cant remember the third verse of that poetry, but for all my sorrow, I cannot afford to write it down for her now. Have you really had some snow storms up there, this fall, Sis? We have not seen any here yet, but have had some pretty heavy frosts. It has been quite warm here, now, for two or three days, but I presume it will not continue so long.

How does Margaret do, now Lewis has gone? I suppose it is pretty lonely there for her now. Has she got most over her hurry, yet, in sewing? Has she been up to see Sarah since I came away? You must give her my love and tell her to please to write to me. Good night, Sis, pleasant dreams be your lot, tonight. I presume I shall think of a great deal more that I want to tell you by Monday. A kiss for all around.

Wednesday — Good afternoon, Sis. How do you do this cold day? How does Sarah get along, and how does she manage to keep warm? I

Canastota, Dec. 16. 1861.

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and Eddie's letters Saturday night. I am much obliged for the trouble you have taken for me, in the village. About the drawing class in Mr. Jenkin's school, I hardly know what to say. I think [illegible] that it might have good opportunity for me, to get started. What do the folk at home think of it? If you all think best, I would like to have you speak to Mr. Jenkins [illegible] I should be likely to have; you

might say that I would teach if
I could get a class of about a dozen
or so, and would charge about the
same as they do in other schools.
If I do not hear anything from
you to the contrary, I will get
a few drawing materials in Utica,
when on my way home. My little
class here are hurrying to finish
their pieces before I go away.
I have enjoyed the drawing very
much, and think the others have.
I intend to start from here about
Thursday morning, and will try
to get home Saturday or Monday.
I did not succeed in getting my
bonnet made here, so I think
I shall stay in Utica until
I can get it made. I shall prob=
ably write again. At any rate,
do not expect me until you hear

again. Cornelia has gone to Syracuse, has been gone since Thursday. We expect her home tonight. I shall be glad to see her at home again. She, of course, has not seen your letter yet.

Tuesday. — I expected to send this yesterday when I commenced it, but did not get it finished in time, so have left it till now. Cornelia came home last evening, feeling very well, but very tired. She says she will see about that school business as soon as she can. It may be that they have hired a teacher, as they have a great many applications for the school, and usually hire very early. She will see the Trustees and let you know soon. I am writing in a great hurry, as Mr. Northrop is

going to the village soon, and I
meant to send this with him. If I
succeed in getting a wrong class
in Hebrew, I could remove me
as soon as I get home, I think.
I don't know what to do about
boarding, but will see about that
again. Much love to all from

Anna.

Home March 5 1865

Oynthia my Dear

I need not tell you how welcome your letter was to Annie, although she did not write as soon as she ought.

I am very sorry Jane has been so sick and hope she is entirly well by this time; I think you must thought Mother was more hurt then she was or you would never send her so kind and sympathising a letter for which she is very grateful. She thanks your mother for her kindness and advise, thinks Sarah about right in regard to care. She is well and can be around again as well as ever only her arm and hip is not quite as strong as before.

I think you infer from my letter that we fell worse about pa's money then we did. indeed we have almost forgoten it; I suppose some one has picked it up or it was carried away with the water before this, there is no danger of our making ourselves sick making it up nor did I mean to have you understand from my letter there

sad to see the little
to go by here to the
grave yard to think
perhaps it would
never be known who
he was or who left
him there, cruel
creature, pa has gone
west again they that
Aby and him brought
home 88 cows sold
them and have gone
for more Maria and
Ruth are well Davie
and Mamie goes
to school, give my
love to our friends
keep great deal
for yourself, hoping
to see and hear from
my faithful little
Cynthia I close with
great deal of love

or that we were doing a great toward it
was but you know that I sometimes am apt
to put on too deep a colors when talking, or
writing though I am sure I did not mean too.
I am very fearful you will be disapointed about
its calling into action latent powers in Annie, if
she has any they are fast locked in slumber
the key lost and I fear four hundred dollars
is not enough to buy another; but as you are
the only one that has discovered hiden power
try to arouse it, I promise you all the aid I
can, and lasting thanks please try, what do
you say, Your account of your cousin little
children sickness and Death is very interesting.
it is sad for the father and Mother to loose
them, but I think there great deal of beauty
and comfort in the Death of little children
and it seems wrong to morn for them, when
we know they bloom in so shining a clime —
I hope your cousin Ottie's health will
improve she will be lonesome for a long
time poor girl but time the cure of all
wounds will in a measure heal here,
Mac did not see or hear Samuel Roberts
this time, Yes indeed our poor prisoners
have endured and suffered everything from
the hands of their captors it makes

me so angry When I think it that wish our army would show no mercy to them but that to would be cruel. When will the names of those dens be forgon or humanity blush for those deeds. I pity them when I think that "God is just" — they have found before this "that whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap in seeing their country in smoke and ruin and many of their victims their reward in the words "Richmond is ours" and the many morners comfort in knowing that their loved ones did not die in vain. thinking of our prisoners is very sad — but it seem allmost as sad to think that one in the case of death or disability of A Lincoln, would command all those brave men and the safty of our country, shoul be intoxicated on the day of taking such responcibility. When at Rome I heard Mr Merwin Chaplin in General to the union army say that at the battle of the Wilderness a division of our men stood an hour and five minute under the hotest fire of the foe without firing a gun because their commander was to drunk to give orders. awfull isnt

he said that he we an officer in the war and dare give no names I suppose you have heard of the accident off the rail road little above here it was awful and the only wonder is that more were not killed or drowned when we first reached the place and seen the broken turned over smashed cars we could not believe that it was not worse then it was most of the passengers had got out of the water when we got there they were very wet and looked much frighten they were taken to Rome and Utica and are doing well when we last heard those that still remain we did not see that little boy who lost his limbs while try to get on the cars but were told that he beg of them to kill him as he could never do anything again and would only be a burden to himself and friends. About a week ago the body of an infant was found here near the depot a fine fat boy about 4 months old no one appears to know whose it is or where it came from some thinks it was killed and left there in the early part of winter others think it left there alive, it seems

Mon June 21. 1869

Dear sister Cynthia,-

I was very glad to get your letter Saturday. I think you for writing so soon. I knew you will be anxious to hear from me, and I will try and write a little today, though I do not feel much like writing.

I am getting along nicely above, though of course sometimes I miss your letter. Mary helps me about bathing at night, and rubbing my back in the morning. I have got up every morning to breakfast since you left, and manage nicely by resting afternoon. I am very glad to be able to do so, and feel as if

I had taken one step toward getting well. They are all very kind to me here, and willing to do all they can for my comfort. The Dr. has been here twice since you went away, was here this morning — he said he thought he would give me cod liver oil and whisky, as my appetite continues poor, and says he can get me some that will not be difficult to take. Libbie Evans and her mother were here to tea yesterday. Libbie inquired for you. Hannah Prichard called to see me a little while one day last week and Maggie Evans was here one evening spent the evening here. Mrs. Evans and I called over to Mrs. R. Prichard's one afternoon — had a very pleasant time — what a nice place they have. Well, I guess I have told you about the extent of my visiting since you went away. It has been so rainy and wet that

I haven't attempted any long walks. I am so glad you have had the sewing machine repaired. How does it work? How do the house plants and garden plants get along? Have any of the seeds I sowed in baskets come up? or those around the Hadiola or the Canna? By the way, have you removed that basket from under the eaves by the back kitchen door. How does Eddie's garden prosper? I hope Robbie will look after some of my flowers — you know Robbie, the round bed is ours, and I want you to look after the cucumber bed, will you, my boy? you know the weeds grow fast there, just like bad habits when they are let alone. They should be rooted out every day. I have noticed the tomato plants here are beginning to bud for blossoming — I suppose ours are hardly as far along, are they? The roses here are very beautiful now, white

yellow and red.

This morn. – I intended to send my letter yesterday, but did not succeed in getting it ready in time today I cannot send it till after dinner, so I fear you will hardly receive it – to-night – you must not be anxious about me if I dont write very often. I will try not to leave you too long without a letter and hope you will do as well by me. The pine apple you bought me was very nice – lasted three or four days and served for a lunch. I havent eaten the orange yet, but shall soon. We had [illegible] gooseberries for [illegible] night – and I had some for breakfast today – took my breakfast in bed this morning, for a change, yesterday morning my head was very bad and I felt poorly all day, head ached pretty hard today at first, but is better now. I try to tell you just how I am, so you need not be uneasy. This is another rainy morning – rains continually. Give much

love to all the [illegible] and the [illegible] and [illegible] thank you

Home. Dec. 14. 1869.

Dear sister Cynthia, —

I did not think when you went away that so long a time would pass before I had written once to you. but you will forgive me I hope, knowing my infirmities. I wrote a letter to Mary yesterday, and one to Eddie last week. so you see I am improving in the line of letter-writing. My letter to Eddie brought an immediate reply — a good long letter. he said the new firm (i.e. Eddie and Mate) intended to commence actual business Sat. last. They have rented rooms in ~~the~~ Mrs. Ragan's house. where E. has been boarding. and expect, as he says, to be very happy. We received letters at the same time from Elizabeth and Hattie, and Mary. Last night came your good long letters to Jennie and Sarah. We

are always glad to get your
very interesting letters, especially interesting
to Father and Mother, I think, as they
frequently read them over two or three
times. I am sorry that we have been
so negligent about writing to you,
we cannot try and do better — but you ought
to remember that our best letter writer
is away from home at present. Father
and Mother have gone to Utica — went
yesterday afternoon, and we expect them
home tonight. You say those lines you
sent us are evergreen — is the rose tree ever-
green? the leaves are beautiful, I should
like to see some of the flowers. Do you have
other flowers blooming so late in the
season? I wish very much that we
could do something for the comfort of
some of those poor suffering ones this
winter. What has become of that poor
old woman you spoke of in your letter
to Lewis — has she been made more com-
fortable? wish I could send her something,

Amelia is here this week, to help a little with the sewing, making comfortables &c. They have been taking up the kitchen carpet today and mending it - now I hear the sound of hammer and tacks, so I guess they are nearly through. Jane Jones is here practicing now - she comes nearly every day, and is getting along very nicely I think. We have just finished framing those pretty cards you got for the children - they look very nicely, and will help toward our Christmas frolic - as we have not been able to get much of anything yet. Ellen D. Griffith made us quite a visit last week - She came Sunday night and stayed till Saturday. She was glad to hear some of your letters - said she would like to have you write to her. Jane and Clara called here this afternoon on their way to Hugh Jones, across lots, - Lewis carrying the baby. I wish you had my music book, if you need it, as we do not use it at all - do not know how is the best way to send it. I am so glad you are having an opportunity to go on home with music.

I am taking medicine from Mary - think it has a good effect - but do not know as I feel much better. Of course I am so glad you are feeling so well - write soon to sister Anna.

For Cy this, — The ink that we use is called Pillsbury's Manor Ink, manufactured at Lowell, Mass. Wish we could send you some. Your letter was very welcome indeed. Anna has written so well that I'm most afraid of spoiling her sheet. I have been writing to Eddie and and also to Buffalo about the "Basso Tenuto" in Ellen Griffith's Melodeon and perhaps that's why I'm "Tull" We have had but very little and that the poorest kind of sleighing so far this winter. Our plants are in our room up stairs — they look nicely, there is one little candytuft blossom. The girls have got the carpet down in the kitchen and it looks nicely — Sarah is is smart when she sets about a thing, you know. She made butter today too, and I made three gingerbreads loaves. Thank you for writing so minutely of the customs and general appearance

of the people among whom you labor. We are very glad your school is so pleasant and especially to get such a good report of your health. Remember us kindly to your friends there jennie

Whitestown March 22

Dear Cynthia

Father is stronger a little, and sit up some, but her face is just as painfule, she suffers very much. But does not have those sinking spells, for the last few days she has been dressed and walks a little around the room, last night she didnot rest, and is not so well today, I read her your letter, she said she had nothing to forgive, you could, not feel like writing when you were so poorly. so hopes you will not feel badly about it; If I had known you were sick I wouldn't have said anything about it, I am afraid my Cynthia has suffered more from that trouble than I thought she did, I wish her pathway had never been darken by this cloud. I feel assured that it is best as it is. If you would have known to late, think of that Cynthia; and be of good cheer, but I will not say more of it, for I know

sometimes words seems cold & harsh to hearts that are sad, Walter send her love to you and so do we all, to your father mother girls and yourself. Let us always try to remember "That God reigneth and that he is love" Annie

Canastota, Nov. 2nd.

Dear Sister Cynthia, —

I have just finished a letter to Jennie, and will write a little to you before retiring. Mary sits by me, waiting to a course of hair. Cornelia is trying a new piece on the piano, and I sit here, trying to collect my thoughts, for I have a good many, perhaps, only they are scattered. I must say first that your letters are very acceptable. I don't know what I should do if it wasn't for you and Jennie. I am sorry I can't see Cousin Margaret before she starts. Give my love to her, if she has not already gone. I suppose I shall not hear from her now. I hope she

will have a very pleasant journey, and that her health will be improved. How is her health now? What will father do? Will he stay in Benson? Has Robbie got over the measles? and how is the baby?

I was very sorry to hear of little Leighton Lewis's death. How much Mag will miss her. How is Mary's health now? Give my love to her when you see her.

You ask if I have formed any new acquaintances. I have been introduced to a good many, but have not become much acquainted with any one out of the family. Last Saturday afternoon Miss Ella Bruce, Emily's sister-in-law, came over here, and stayed until evening, when her brother Jay came and spent the evening. We had quite a pleasant time. Tomorrow evening is to be the first White Society since I came here. I hardly know whether I shall go or not. If I do I shall probably see more of the good people here than I have yet. I believe

I have not told you yet about the lecture we had here last week. The subject was, "The Power of the Human Mind." It was a very good lecture indeed. We all went, of course, excepting the little dog Frank, and Kitty, who stuck home to keep house, together with Mary's bird. The lecture was on Friday night, and Mrs. A. J. stuck with us over Sunday. Tell Fannie she was too bad to make fun of that little "I believe" in my letter. Never mind, perhaps I shall have a chance to pay her sometime.

I wish you could step in to our drawing class some morning. I think you would enjoy it. We are getting along very nicely, I think. Willie has not been in the class but a few times, but has taken three or four small pieces, and is now taking the cow's head. He says he is drawing the ox, instead of having the ox draw him. He will do finely, I think, if he does not get discouraged. Willie

Please give my love to Mrs. Griffith & Lewis, and to Gwen, and remember me to all enquiring friends of any such thing.

wished me to say to you that he does not go out for his health now quite as much as he did last spring.

Mrs. N. told me the other day to send her love to our people, when I wrote, and Callie says, "and mine too." Mary wishes to send her love to Cynthia, and says she would like to have you write to her. She does not write very often, and I hardly think she will write to you first. I think she would be glad to get a note from you. This ~~morning~~ afternoon we had quite a storm of wind, ~~and~~ snow, rain and thunder. It did not last long, but seemed quite dark and very windy for a few minutes. All have gone to bed but Cornelia and Mary and I, and I must say good night.

Tuesday morn. Dear Mother, I thank you very much for those few lines you wrote me in the girl's letter. I was glad to see your hand-writing. I have not had any of Father's yet, excepting the direction of one letter. You ask about my health. It has been very good since coming here. I have not had any toothache to speak of; had swelled face to go to church one Sunday, but not much pain in it. I am anxious to know how your health is. Have you heard any thing from Aunty since she went?

It is very cold and we are today. I have not seen any thing of Uncle Yonny yet. Tell he been up to our house lately? Thomas Lewis and Jane I they children. I wish they would write to me. I kept much love from your affectionate Anna

Home, Thurs. afternoon.

Dear sister Cynthia.—

This is our busy day with the Cen., every one is busy but poor me, so I can easily be spared to write a letter. Can you put up with a poor one this time? Jane has been here all day helping, and they are getting along very well, I believe. Mary wrote to Dr. Gardner last night for some medicine for you, and told him to come up, if he thought best. Today he proved that he either thought best to come, or wanted a ride, for he appeared on the premises very soon after dinner,

Tell Mrs. Roberts that I am much obliged to her for her kind invitation I hope to accept it before the summer is out. I hope they will keep some of those nice large potatoes.

Our folks are eating supper in the kitchen, and were just now talking about you. I told them they must not say any thing had, or it would all go into my letter. Lewis says Tell her that if she will write a pretty good letter, I will translate it for the Cen. hadner. Suppose you try it? Give much love to Eddie. I suppose he is alone now. I must write to him soon.

Mary is writing by me. she will tell all the news necessary. George & Will Ames called here the other day. Love from all to both of you. Anna.

just as pleasant and jolly, and as gentlemanly as ever. He left you some little pills, which we send in this. They are of a higher potency than what you had before, 30, I believe, and he thinks you can take them easier than powders. He said that I have a slight attack of the influenza which is quite prevalent now, and left me something for that; says he thinks I am doing well. We are anxious to hear from you again; hope you are getting along nicely, and that you won't get sick. I asked Jane what she wanted to say to Sis. She says "Tell her that I 'cafio ati he," and I want her to write me a description of the Gulf Road. Your friends all inquire for you. Mrs. H. Pugh and R. & J. Hughes were very sorry they were not at home when you called that evening. Eunice and Jennie Griffiths came to see you that Saturday afternoon after you started. Eunice stayed all afternoon, but Jennie only made a call.

1860's

Wi[illegible] Apr 15

Beloved Cynthia

Your kind favor of March 27 came duly and welcomely to hand — [illegible] pleasant sunshining afternoon just the day for [illegible] chat or walk, so Cynthia dear please lay aside your books and papers and retire from the busy sitting-room and its happy inmates to some secluded spot where we can have a quiet talk, there place your hand in mine as you was wont, and make believe we are together, it is so long since I have or written a letter that I have forgotten how, but I can talk as well as ever.

First let me thank you so very much for your kind invitation to visit you, and beg your pardon for not acknowledging it before, But the truth is I am provoked we are to move from Whitesboro the 1st of May and I don't like it one bit, I have lived here so long that to me everybody

and every thing has connected with them some pleasant association and I think it hard to leave though it be but three miles. we are going to Oriskany they say the house is pleasant it has eighteen or twenty apple thees a good garden and two acres of land belonging to it, there has and will be a good deal of moving here this spring Mr Marsh family moves to Utica, S P Jones (you have heard me speak of his daughter Anna) from Utica moves in their house, Philo White has rented his house, himself wife and Mrs Gray our Sabbath school teacher) goes to West Wesconsin to spend a year, Mrs and Miss Frost will return soon, but I have tired you enought talking about moving, now let me tell you the last bit of gisip it excited nearly as much wonder as our glorious victories west Dr Charley Smith has a little daughter, aged one week, what do you think of that? I am sorry to hear that your Sister's folks are so ill, hope they are better before this, You must not be so moody and low spirit but try to be

happy and catch the Sunbeam, I am much
better and hope when it comes warm weather
I shall be better still I have been out some
went to Utica once, to Church last sunday
Yesterday afternoon went to see Grandma
Nellie and Mrs Ebbard, now it is pleasant
and I am going out every day so my dear
you see that I am almost well, is there
much snow on the ground up there yet? it
is all gone here, and we are greeting & welcome
Spring. Father is in Ohio we look for him
home in a week or so, he went out there very
early in the Spring and brought home 100
cows and has now gone for more, are you
going to teach this summer, do you remember
how much we talked of going west last spring
my illness has prevented my making many
carculations as to what I will do this spring, we
do not make soldeir clothes now the contract
is out, I don't think I shall visit you now
as I think you will enjoy it better when I am
stronger and can explode every nook and glean
with you, I will write to you before I come

I hope you are not disappointed, sorry you are lonesome but I am in no mood to cheer you, Thursday Afternoon, 17

David and I have just return from a walk to see the Mohawk it is over-flowed so that the water reaches the rail-road, and looks like a great lake, the day is as warm as June the farmers ploughing, birds singing, we enjoyed the walk very much, I think I shall walk to see Mrs Robbins to morrow if it don't rain Anna has returned from Detroit she has been there to school during the winter, she is very much grown, wears her dresses long high necked and long sleeves, I heard today that Mr Sanders that told you and Mari so many fine sayings, has taken a notion to run after the young lady of the Sem, on daylight with his unmentionable alley unbuttoned, Prof Gardner went to see him asked if he was crazy or what or what he meant, he said he he won't crazy, Prof then told him if he ever did so again he would take him up. Ma David and all the girls sends a great deal of love to you and all the family. So as I write soon wrote to [illegible]

1871

Dear Cynthia

March 18. was [illegible]
should have been [illegible]
I have a very bad [illegible]
as I can to hold my head up without
asking it to think much for me, as you
will know when you read this,
Yes I was surprised by the New York
date, and thought perhaps Mary had
remembered to write to me, or Jennie
while on a visit to her, After reading
it I hardly knew what to think, I
it seems strange that you have been
in New York for two weeks and intend
to stay two or three weeks longer, with-
out [illegible] about coming

I am afraid you are not quite as well as you would have me infer from your letter. I am glad Mary is there to take care of you, and you must take good care of yourself, don't work to hard. remember you owe something to yourself to your friends as well as to the rest of the world. I know it is unlike of you, and that you love the work. And that you are thankful that you are permitted to sow a seed here or water a weak plant there, pulling up all the weeds you can, laboring to beautifying the garden of humanity teaching all to look up and catch the light, but don't work to hard that you may see the some seed blossom and the weak plants strong. I am glad Mary is well and successful give her my love a best wishes. John will settle in [illegible] it is not

it is not far from home and that will be pleasant for them all. Ruth is having a vacation of 8 weeks now. Fannie is still in the Post Office Mari is pretty well. Annie is not sick but has had this cold for about two weeks, but hopes to be better of it soon. You say we must be lonely yes indeed I could never tell you how lonely, and yet we live on and appear as near as we can as we used to. But Cynthia everything to us is so change. it seem to me at times as though I had had a strange dream that nothing in life was real, but I can not tell you, nor will I tire you, if you come home, if possible make us a visit, you will find us at the old place, and you will be as ever welcome. Fannie say she will write to you someday, sends love to you and Mary as does the other girls. thank you for the moss, love to you and cause your Annie

Dayton Ohio

Dear Cynthia

Yours was duly recieved I was very glad to hear from you, should have been pleased to have a little visit from you before you left Utica as it seems as though I did not see you at all it was so short, I went to the depot after leaving you staid there untill 8 o'clock P M with many others waiting for the train when Priest came in an every body asked when the cars would come he didnot think before 10 o'clock but could not tell. I thought I must come home that night so went back to Owens procured some in paper returned staid a while longer then thought I would go to my Uncle and see how they were, intending to come back by 10 but Aunty would not hear to it so I staid and came on 6 o'clock mon the next morning

hope you had a pleasant time and enjoyed
yourself well glad you heard Gough I
heard the same lecture I hope you an as
many of the girls as can will attend the
speaking of the Sem I have delayed
writing hoping the cards of invitation
would come in time to send you one but
they will not come before Monday so I
thought I would send you a few lines.
If you do not come in time to come up
here before then go to see Van at 30 and
she will see that you are acomadated
I think you would enjoy the lectures
monday and tuesday evening if can
come down in time don't forget to come
an stay a long time as we are all expecting
you and some of the others. I wondered
If Jennie can pay that long promise visit
June has been cold here so for an every
thing in the gardens are backwards for it.
I went to Utica this morn yesterday.
thought perhaps I might see you again
there I can't write much this morning

a Damnie is going to the Office and must have this. I hope there is good news today that Grant has taken Richmond and the whole rebel army. we almost hold our breath, in hope and fear what a few days may bring forth, How many of our brave boys has, and must fall. who can or will have any mercy on those who have caused it. what do you think of J. C. Fremont our Grandfather who we never remember seeing came down here day or two ago he has not come to see us Cousin Maggie and her little boy are at Utica. give my love to all don't fail to be down our folks all send love in haste from your Cousin

[illegible]

February 12, 1863.

Dear mother & Eddie:

How do you do this cold blustering morning? I'm most afraid your hangers will suffer if you have to go out today, to look after the chickens, &c. I feel thankful for the comfort of a good fire this wintry weather. I should like to share it with some of those poor people who have none. This has been a hard week for such, so cold and snowy. There are but a very few poor people here in Salisburg. Almost every one has enough to keep them comfortable. This week it has seemed to me more like our home winters than any since I

have been here. The snow is two or three feet deep (I should think) and sleigh bells have sounded merrily in our ears. Today the wind has commenced again his old game of tossing the snow about, and forming it into mountains and hills. We have had the promise of a ride this afternoon, but if this storm continues, I fear we shall lose it.

Jennie is not very well today; she had a very hard head-ache all day yesterday, but I think she is some better this morning. She is not up yet. I hope she will be all well by Monday. —— We feel very sorry that S is could not come here. Jennie was very much disappointed, but perhaps that it was the better way to have her go to Elizabeth's. I should think you would be quite lonely at home now, you have none of your sisters at home but Sarah and Jane. You must make the most you can of them, Eddie,

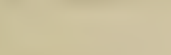
and take good care of Sarah and Mother.
By the way, how is Robbie? Is he as cunning
as ever? I do not hear but a very little
about him nowadays. I want to see the
little fellow so bad. Does he talk any yet?
When he does begin to learn, I want you
to teach him to say "aunt Jennie," and "aunt
Anna." I shouldn't like to have him
forget us together. Is Georgie with you
now? Tell him I mean to write to him
as soon as I can get the time. Good bye
now, Eddie, please write to me.

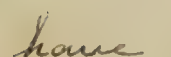
Your sister, Anna.

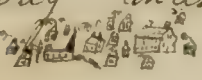
X

[illegible]'s [illegible], May 31, 1858.

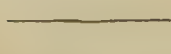
[illegible] Eddie:...

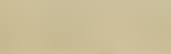


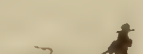


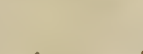


It has [illegible] long since [illegible] wrote 2 U that I think May [illegible] you have 4 got 10 t [illegible] u O me a [illegible], and r [illegible]ing for 1 from me. & now [illegible] [illegible] say that you [illegible] [illegible] the neces[illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]ing any ——— ——— er, but please [illegible], and [illegible] me a few [illegible], & I will try 2 an[illegible] soon. We are both [illegible]. [illegible] must now [illegible] my [illegible] 2 a close, as it is about time to go to the [illegible] office. [illegible] 2 [illegible].









From your sister [illegible].

[illegible].

Rome Nov 2 [illegible]

Dear Little Eddie —

Your little letterness
reserved a long time ago and ought
to have been unsurmounted before [illegible].
It did us even so much good to get
a letter from you, — I wish you would
write another. Why don't Robbie write
to his [illegible] in Rome? I have made
a frame for Robbie's likeness and gone
and have them both hanging up so
that I can see you both every day.
Isn't that nice? Sometimes I want to
see you jump up and run around
the room — but no, then you [illegible]

just as still as a little mouse,
and as prim as a doll. I rather guess
that if you were here yourself, you
would make a little more noise,
—now wouldn't you? I send you some
poultry in this letter, to stock your
farm yard, two red and two green.
They will not crow they will not eat,
And I am afraid they'll not make good meat
But you must look out when it snows
That they don't freeze their toes.
Then, though some are great some small
They'll not trouble you at all.
Tell about Sarah she need not
be afraid I will beat her, — I don't
often write such good poetry as
that is. I am very glad you have
got some boots do you like them
as well as your shoes. Mean you
wear your overcoat this winter.
or have you grown too large for

it? do you ever wear the cap
I made for you? I am sorry
that great fish was so greedy as to
eat up its little brother but I
suppose it was only acting on
nature, and we must not blame it.
Robbie had better take him back to
the brook, and then he can gobble
up all the little fishes he wants
to. How does my old hen get
along? Bill Young to put her in
a warm place for the winter so
she wont freeze her toes. Give
my love to all your little cousins
and kiss little Clara for me, does she
grow any fast? who does she look like?
I hope you will answer my letter
soon. Bill Robbie that I have finished
reading Rolls in Scotland. Some of the
other folks here find it very interest-
ing. Have you learned any new news

since I came away? There is a
nice verse about little Samuel
which I would like to have you
learn. Robbie will find it and
teach it to you — it is in 1 Samuel
3:10. Perhaps Robbie will read
the whole chapter to you.
Now don't forget to write to
me. Tell Mary if I wish she
would write.
You don't [illegible].

Canastota, Dec. 17.

[illegible]

I had given up expecting a letter from you, before you [illegible] [illegible] and was quite [illegible] disappointed on receiving one Sat-urday night. [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] at the [illegible] that night; and he was quite surprised to be the bearer of my letter, es-pecially as I did not expect one then; he has brought my letters [illegible] [illegible] that we have con-cluded that he [illegible] the [illegible]

to send for that purpose.

I am sorry that you have so few apples at home; I am afraid I shall miss them very much. Don't you think I am selfish? I imagine that those pumpkins, that Sarah has stored up, will come very handy. "Pumpin is better than nuffin," you know. I should think you must have had a nice time down to [illegible] over that goose. I dont believe but that I might have enjoyed it, if I had been there. You say Maggie has altered very much. I guess she has not changed as much but that I shall know her, but I am afraid she will not know me.

How do you like working in the office? I should think by your letter that you keep pretty busy. I think it would be a good place for you

to study Latin like [illegible] I am
not sure but I will study it
with you; but it is of [illegible]
with take me for a scholar.
I am glad you have such a good
singing school in Rumson. Wish
they would have one in our [illegible]
[illegible]. Perhaps they will, when I get
home.

I am coming home so soon
that I don't know hardly what
to write; I guess I would try to
write a great deal so that I
can have enough to talk about
when I get home.

Last week [illegible] evening, [illegible]
[illegible], Edwin, Mary and myself,
together with some of the neighbors
making in all about thirteen or
fourteen, went in a [illegible] wagon
to a white [illegible], about two

[illegible] struck from here.
We had quite a jolly time going
and coming. It was a bright moonlight
evening, but very windy and muddy.
Taking it all together we had a
great time of it, I assure you.
Tom may have to [illegible] and [illegible]
and all the [illegible] see
you all soon. I have [illegible] had
[illegible] from [illegible] Bill
[illegible] the most not give them to
[illegible] I get home. [illegible] the
[illegible] of this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible] you can read it.

Your [illegible] affectionate sister

[illegible]

Thursday Morning

Dear Friend Eddie

Your welcome missive of the 17th was received with pleasure, Cynthia and I started Saturday evening to Whitesboro for to spend the sabbath, Calling at the postoffice we were joined by another friend bearing your letter, smiles and tears mingled so freely together as we discovered its contents that we looked up expecting to see a rainbow after such shower of rain and sunshine, We had plenty food for thought and conversation during the remainder of our journey talking

of you and other Everett friends,
We spent the night at Uncle Thomas
sunday morning attended Church,
and sabbath school, in the afternoon
went on the burying ground and had just
the prettiest view of Mohawk valley, and
the city of Utica with its many tall
church spires glisting in the sunlight
while beyond taller hills lifted up their
heads in distance forming all a very pretty
picture, We walked around the yard
untill we were tired then sat under the
shade of one of the trees for a "talk" untill
the sound of the church going bell
caused us to retrace our steps, homewad
had a pleasent time, staid in Whitesboro
untill wendesday, Thank you all for
your kind invation to come home

with Cynthia I should liked it very much it would be so pleasant to see you all, but Cynthia and I have had a nice visit now that must do, and some other time I will except the invitation No don't fret about the draft, I guess it all come right, and for the best in the end, Yes indeed its a great shame for the Gov of this Empire state to conduct himself as Seymour has done, History will undoubtedly hold him responsible for the New York rout, How does that little brother mine get along, and Cynthia is she safe at home once more, it is very dull here without her, tell her that Mr Jones and his cousin called here to day but we didnot get another ride I have writen

Davie along letter and it is almost mail time and I must stop give my love to Cynthia and all the folks except part yourself write when you have time

Annie

Mr Eddie Everett

Home April 4. 1865

Dear Jennie

Your kind letter of March 1st was welcomed with pleasure, but had any one hinted then that it would be so long unanswered I would shake my head try to look wise and say you are mistaken. But it is so easy to put off until to-morrow, I waited at first expecting to see you up here, then the freshet visited us and I thought it would be long time before the Black River track would be in running order, so I delayed day after day, will Jennie please pardon. Did you see much of the great freshet of 1864 at your place — some were afraid that the east part of Watertown would be carried away. persons were oblige to go from their houses to the barns in boats and in some barns cows and horses were drowned it being impossible to get them out of the barns to a place of safty, the water did not come very near to our house but visited our cellar without doing much damage,

Wednesday Mamie. David and I went down to Utica on the 5 o'clock train to hear Phillips. Ruth had gone in the morning. When we reached the depot the creek was raising fast and the ice floating, but the river didnot appear very high. When we came home on the 10 o'clock, the cars had to wade through water, it was impossible to come from the depot to the canal bridge so they didnot stop there but took us about ¼ of a mile west of the station where all that left here crossed a field got on the tow-path and came down to the main street "paying dear for lecture". The next day they went to the depot in boats the whole Mohawk valley covered with water was looking like an angry lake with large pieces of ice dashing along carrying trees fences and every-thing with them. But I will not tire you with more flood talk Do I suppose you are wild with joy over the good news "Richmond is ours" — What magic power these words can have to cause so much joy over our land — and how deep their meaning, how much they cost. Yesterday morning

in chapel Mr Gardner read the news and told the students to call on anyone they desired to address them, after calling and hearing from all the profs and Rev Mr Brown, they called on Miss Stewart she gave them a very good short talk, then they called on Miss White she told them in so very kind way she would rather be excused, they next called on Miss Church she gave them a short good talk, Mrs Greenwood and Miss Kieth also spoke and good many of the gentlemen, Miss White lectured the ladies hard for speaking in public and thought they would stop it: after she refused in the evening the flag was flying and the ladies march around it singing "Star spangled banner, my native land and so so, when Mr Gardner and the gentlemen joined them, and he asked them to sing "old hundred" and they all did with a will, Jennie and Davie goes to school Jennie says Miss White will not teach next term as she is to be married in July, they don't have a very full term this spring. Our snow is all gone I can't see a bit it is quite spring like

the grass quite green and nothing
reminds us of the deep snow of a few weeks
ago, has it mostly disapeared at your place
or are you still suffering from a blockade
keeping you from Peny mynydd its to bad
pennie but never mind think of those bright
summer days that are coming with good
road sun shine and flowers, then for rides
and visits to the hills. I think you are
a long time coming to Utica or least coming
to see me we are all well. Mother can use
her arm well but it is not as strong as
the other and tires soon I don't think
she was hurt half as bad as your mother
was ~~xxy~~ by her fall a year ago, Have you
seen the bride (Martha Jones) yet I heard
they were coming north and I suppose
you have seen them before this. How are
all the folks How are you geting along
is your sister Jane better, is ~~guru~~ pa and ma
pretty well this Spring, does Mary's head
ache as much as it did I can pity her for mine
aches enough today give my love to all
I am sorry Sarah has been sick again is
Anna well give my love to all and keep
part yourself write soon Annie

Rome, July 9. Friday 69

Dear sister Jennie,

I hardly think I owe you a letter, but thought I would write and see what will be the consequence. It rains again today, after several days of beautiful weather.

Saturday morn. — So far I got with my letter yesterday, when I had to go and rest. In the afternoon, Mrs. Evans was going down street, and I went with her as far as Hugh Williams — I had a very nice time — Mrs. Evans saw Mr. Williams in the store and told him I was there. So at tea-time he brought the horse

and carried me home. Mrs. W. and the little girls are going up to Stephen today to spend a few days - they would like to visit our folks if they can, but about knowing they will be able to. Amelia Evans came to see me last evening - she is going home this morning. It seemed real good to see her. She promised to write to me when she gets home, but I forgot to tell her to direct to Mrs. S. J. Evans care - so please tell her when you see her. Mary brought me two letters yesterday afternoon, one from Sis and the other from Eddie. I hope C. has got my letter that I sent the first of the week before this. I am much obliged to her for all the news she sends. I did not know before that Richard Richard had been sick again - am glad the girls were able to go and see him. Eddie

says he is coming home next week and will try and get one of the parts to come with him to see me. That wont be very good work will it? I hope one of you can come. I would try to write a very long letter this time as I have not rested yet after breakfast. and I want to send this this morning so you can get it tonight. I have been very smart this week one day I walked to Mrs Evans on Thomas St. and back all alone did not find Maggie there as I expected but had a pleasant call, and talked Welsh with Mrs Evans. I think I have gained a good deal these last pleasant days.

Mary is nearly ready to start so I will stop. Please to write to your sister

Mary.

I hope to see some of you down here before long. till then good bye.

Thursday morning.

Dear Jennie, —

I received a letter from you yesterday, — and another one Monday, containing five dollars. The first one ought to have been answered before now, but as it has not been, I will answer both at once. I am glad you are getting along so well without me, but feel as if I ought to have been at home before now. I have done but very little besides visit and not since I came down, and have been gaining all the time, I think. My trading has been sadly neglected, and today, if it hadn't

mind, we were going to finish up what I have to do, so I could go home tomorrow. As it rains this morning, I must change my plans, and perhaps stay another day. This evening, we intend to go to the installation of Dr. Fisher. I wish you were here to go too. Mary and I called the other day at Mr. Dennis' and at Mrs. Howell's. They all send love to our folks. Friday, we took the street cars, and went to the cemetery. Saturday morning, I went to New Hartford, to see cousin Jennie, and stayed with her over Sunday. As I came back from there, I called on Mrs. Mary Jones, on Hanahan St., and at Mr. Powell's.— took tea at the last named place. Had a pleasant time, and came back to Mary's Monday evening. I have not been to Uncle's yet, don't like to go there alone. I wish every day that I had company, to go around, but get along very well. Cousin Mr. has been out with me

a good deal, and I am having a good time here. I will not try to make all the visits I calculated to before coming down. If it doesn't rain, I think I shall go home Saturday, at noon if I can, but you need not meet me until evening, as I can stop somewhere in the village, if I should come in the first train. Don't be surpresed if I come home without a great stock of new goods, for it is hard work for me to trade, and I don't like to, but if I do once begin, I guess the stores will have to suffer. Mary sends love to all the folks, she was disappointed in not having a visit from our cousin - says it is not too late yet. Have you seen any more stars yet? If you catch any, save them till I come home. I wish you could have been at your singing school last evening, perhaps I shall attend the next. Love to Lewis' folks and all from Anna

333 W. 34th St. N.Y. City.

Thurs. Oct 22. 1874.

Dear sister Jennie,-

We have just received your letter - I am so sorry I have made you so much trouble just when your hands were so full. I had intended to attend to it myself, but after I decided to stay longer, I could see no other way to do, though I did not forget how hurried you must be at this time, I hope I am not doing wrong in staying. I have seen too much of it to forget so soon.
Wish I could be there for two or three days now, to help you through the push. Mary's duties and cares connected with her house have worn on her considerably for the last few weeks. Sometimes I am really afraid she will get sick. When

she gets settled for the winter
I hope she will have it a little
easier. I have written to Conway
this morning, and if you will
send them the book, I think
it will be all right. Do not
worry about the plants — could
you not put most of them in the cellar
— if they were in a large box and
a little straw over them, I don't
believe they would freeze — at least
you could let them take their chance.
If Sarah would like to take some
of them, let her have them. Have
you any idea who you will have
to help you after Ella goes away?
Miss Rees says there are a plenty
of good welsh girls at Middle
Granville — she thinks we could write
there, and have one engaged with-
out much trouble. She did not
say to whom we could write, but

I can ask her again. She has a sister there (the one who was once at our house) Mrs. Williams, perhaps she would find some one for us. I am glad you have commenced that tub of butter. I dreamed of being at home the other night, and having some of your good butter. I didnt it taste good though! Mrs. Jones asked us some time ago if you could not spare her about 40 pounds or so this fall, — I have neglected mentioning it in my letters, but she has spoken of it several times, and I told her I would write about it this week. If you could not make so much besides Mary's tub, perhaps Sarah can help you. She would be very glad to get it. Please remember to send her two Oct. Cenhadwes. I mentioned it in my

last letter, I believe. We can get very nice stereoscopic views here for 11 cents apiece. I have bought a few to take home - thought they would be nice to have about Christmas time. We got some black kid gloves the other day for 97 cents - they seem to be good and a pretty fitting glove. Shall I get you some and what number? Could you accidentally find out what number Jane wears - dont say any thing about the gloves, as I may find something else more appropriate. I shall be very glad to see the next Gen. and know that your busy time is over for once again. Please mention in your next letter what you think you can do for Mrs. Jones in the better line. Your sister Anna.

N. York March 1[illegible]

Dear sister Fannie

Yours was received yesterday morning. We are going down town this afternoon and will see if we can get some [illegible] such as you want to [illegible] your dress and will send it to you immediately if we find ~~what~~ something suitable. Last Tuesday we were invited by Mrs. Jones to join her at her sister Mrs. Day, in the afternoon. She went over in the morning. It was a beautiful day and we had a very nice time. They were all so very cordial and kind, but you have been there and know what a pleasant place they have. The green house has been removed so we did not have the pleasure. Mrs. Day wished me to send [illegible] very kindly to [illegible]

I would write home. She has a cataract growing on her eye and is nearly blind. She hopes to have it removed soon I believe. Katie Griffith called here yesterday and we went with her to the Small Hospital. She is anxious to find something to do, but does not seem strong enough to undertake anything very hard just now. We went last Sabbath in the afternoon to the Dutch Church on Fifth Avenue, to hear Dr. Brown, lately from London. He is a Welshman and a very interesting speaker. Rev. Dr. Lloyd is another Welshman who holds a high position in N.Y. He is to be pastor of a Dutch Reformed Church on Madison Avenue. I think he commences his labors there a week next Sunday. I want to hear him before I go home. If you have the address of Mrs. Dorton in Hoboken I would like to have you send it

when you next write. I may take a
notion to run over there if I know
how to find them. I think it does me
so much good to be on or near the water I
would like an excuse to cross the bay.
I have not been to Brooklyn the second
time yet I am certainly gaining but
feel most discouraged some times
thinking that I will get strong fast
enough. [illegible] friends [illegible] tell me
that I am improving in good [illegible]
Do not think I am getting [illegible]
I think the flattery is meant more
for my doctor than for myself. I wish
we had the Books down here, so I could
be sending out the Bills. but perhaps
it will do as well to leave them till
I go home. I always wish I was there
to help you after reading your letters.
I am glad you are going to make some
use of the office – it will not seem [illegible]
so lonely. I received a letter from [illegible]

two or three days ago. — I mean to answer it soon. I dont know about the envelopes, only that we had it a great many when I came away. It seems to me that we used the Box that they were in, and put the envelopes (a bunch or two) some where in the study. Perhaps they are in one of the boxes on the lower shelf.

I am so engaged thus P.M. that we shall not be able to go for the calico & see the fashions as we had designed. Perhaps we can [illegible]

Tell Mother not to be too spry on her crutches. lest she fall she is getting along splendidly. Good Gr with love

Anna & Mary

Henry, daughter of Wm. Perry who lives [illegible] (Perry died yesterday and is to be buried tomorrow. She was about 7 years old. There was a wedding at Henry Perry's one day this week. Katie was married to a son of Rob. Roberts. I think his name is John Kronkinn. We understood that there were about 40 at the wedding. Mattie Edwards was married 2 or 3 weeks ago to a gentleman from Cowville. [illegible] Kansas to [illegible]

Home Jd. 25, 1

Dear Nephew,

We have two more letters from you, one received Thurs. morning and the other Fri. night. The trunk came all right at last, but we had a good deal of anxiety about it and did not get it until Thursday. We got the Key Sat. evening and Robbie went to the depot Sun. morning and evening, but it was not there. We were afraid it might get lost so Anna and I went to Thomas' Tuesday morning to see about it. We saw Miss Griffith she said she sent it over from Trenton Monday. She came

Sat. night but could not send the
trunk till Mon. She thought she was
sending it by Ex. and that we would
get it without delay, but it came as
freight – the charge was 25 cts. Miss G. had
a [illegible] put around the trunk in Albany
as the bottom was coming out. She paid
15 cts & we paid her. The grapes &c came
nicely & were very welcome. We invited
Miss G. to visit us & perhaps she will when
[illegible] comes. We only saw her a few
minutes as we were in a hurry to
get back. In the letter we got from
you last night you speak of going to
Hillsdale & ask our opinion about it.
We do not know what to say as we
did not know as you had been thinking of
any such change. We have had us mad
from you before on the subject. Had
you written: Please let us know as
we shall be anxious. You say at

that Jennie is better and we did not know
that she had been sick. Do you think
there has been another letter lost? We
hope she was not much sick & that
she is all right by this time. Thank
you for telling us so much about
the lectures you attend. We are much
interested in those parts of your
letters. I wonder if you are listening
to Dal. Sugar-sale this evening. If so,
we shall be glad to know how you
like his lecture. — Tell Jennie that
Robbie is quite anxious to get an answer
in regard to renting the farm next
year. He expects to commence his school
soon. If he does not stay he ought to be
looking for another place. He would
like to take it at the same rent as last
year only he would pay the taxes. We
wrote to Mr. E. & he thinks we cannot do
our better than to let him have it.
[illegible] & I [illegible] so no opening [illegible]

[illegible] it ourselves — perhaps [illegible]
may take a brighter turn before our
year. Of course we expect to let him
have it cheaper than we would if we
were not reserving a home here for
ourselves. Please let us know what
you all think of it. When Jennie comes
we would like to have her bring some [illegible]
lines. I forgot one small box in Utica, and
we enjoyed them very much. What do you
intend to have us do with the bottles of
medicine that came in the trunk? who
prescribes them you or Aunt Mary? If it
convenient perhaps Jennie had better bring
a little writing paper, as we have none
but this kind. Jane Elmer and Frankie [illegible]
been staying here for three or four days this
week, they came Tuesday and went home
yesterday. J.E. came to help Sarah make [illegible]
[illegible] merino dress. Frankie seemed to enjoy
her visit very much, especially with little Lewis.
[illegible] is growing nicely, and getting [illegible] cunning
every day. I don't know as you would know
him now, if you should see him with twenty
[illegible] the same [illegible]. We are having our
first snow storm today — before dark it was 2 or 3 in
[illegible] and snowing [illegible] believe. Little Annie

I received [illegible] card, with the order for [illegible] Books two or three days ago — we understand by it that you have sent the ABC cards but we are not able to find any of the little books so we are sending today the Armings and Catechisms. Jennie feels quite sure that there are some of the [illegible] in Sarah's small [illegible] on top of those heavy boxes in the third room [illegible] there with the cards — if you find them, you had better — send them and the cards all in the box, provided that has not already started. I feel quite anxious about the box as you wrote over a week ago that you expected to send it the next day, and you did not mention it in your subsequent letters — ~~[illegible]~~ has it started? Jennie

[illegible] much love to [illegible] Mrs. [illegible], and tell us that we but think we will [illegible] go so far from home this winter. We are expecting a visit from cousin Fiezze soon — next week, probably do not know how long she will stay. Wish you could be here the same time. We were much amused at J.E.'s description of the position of your sleeping rooms — I did not realize that you had so many rooms before. [illegible] always [illegible] for [illegible] in [illegible] concerns.

our house keeping [illegible] Hungerford &c. Mary [illegible] Fred Floyd has gone to Turin to keep house for [illegible] Williams. David Ferry goes to Robbins school - he is [illegible] years old and [illegible] in the [illegible] Reader.

inquired at the depot for it Wednesday, and we will ask Robbie to inquire tonight. I feel particularly anxious about it on account of having the papers enclosed. We have been cutting carpet rags some lately, and have had the misfortune to break our carpet needle. Jennie tried to get a new one in the village but failed, ~~but~~ Owen Evans told her that the only place he had seen them for sale was at Spelman Brothers 357 Broadway. Will J.C. please inquire at that place, when he has time, and if he can get a couple. I have got over my cold ~~though~~ I do not feel as strong as before. Much obliged for the medicine - we may be glad to get it, ~~if~~ my throat was nearly well before it came. I think Rhus helped me as much as any thing. We would be very glad

He has never had any chance, and is quite anxious to learn. He is boarding with K. now for a few days and working for his board. I mine [illegible] this [illegible] last [illegible]

J. C. would occasionally get a fashion paper and send us — he can get the monthly sheets at the place they sell Buttrick's patterns on 8th Ave. We feel quite benighted as regards the styles, and would like to be posted. We have received an order for the legend from Sorthage — a very kindly written letter, with a dollar enclosed — we are sending it (the book) tonight. We heard about the middle of the week that Mrs. Owens Bethel is very sick with Pneumonia, and that it was thought she could hardly recover. Johnnie is teaching nearthere and makes his home with them, Saturdays & Sundays. We heard that he was taken sick in school one day, and had to be carried home — we have not heard the particulars, or any thing from there since Tuesday evening. Mrs. O. was just alive then — we

[illegible] would like to [illegible] return [illegible] Lewis [illegible] nicely [illegible] is a great deal of company for us all. Libbie wants me to ask J. Eddie how his mustache is [illegible] you [illegible] she is interested in what interest you. I note you both [illegible] Anna [illegible] Everett

may hear something tonight. We would like to go to [illegible], but [illegible] cannot, as he now is so deep, and the [illegible] so bad in some places that we dont like to venture far from home. We heard the other day that it is probable that George Royals will buy the Glyn farm, and furthermore that he is to be married to one of Richard Charles daughters (Mary Jane) we dont know how much truth there is in this last piece of gossip. Evan Richard is going to be on Wm Wheldon farm next year is to work it on shares, and Mr. W. to board with them. Fremont & his wife have been keeping house most two weeks — Mrs. Ella [illegible] is staying in Remsen with [illegible]. How is little Gracie? tell her that I was very sorry to hear that she had the sore throat — hope she is better how is her mother this winter?

Remsen, March [illegible]

Dear M. & J. C.

[illegible]

[illegible] I thought I would write a letter & you in reply. Yes you would receive it before Sunday. How does E. feel after last night's [illegible]? I'll be anxious to hear what kind of a time did you have, and how did you [illegible]? Has it taxed your strength very much? What did it tire you [illegible] not tell us any thing about that. We are very sorry that M. is not feeling as well as usual. Wish I could do something for you. You must take care of yourselves, and each other — the rainy weather is pretty trying

S. is much the same as when we wrote before - a little stronger, we think. She commences this morning to take the second bottle of her Hypophosphites. Eddie sent her a little fresh maple sugar, which she enjoys very much, and indeed we all do. I think I told you before that the Drs. advised her to take the Gerbine - he had intended to give her some preparation of [illegible], but says this will do at present - he was here Tuesday morning, says it will not be necessary for him to see her very often but he wished his to "keep him informed". He is very pleasant and kind. He got her some very nice Angelica wine last week, and wants her to take more of it than she has been taking. We are very glad to have cousin M. here for a little, as we

do get very lonely sometimes. She encourages us to think that [illegible] as bad as the Dr at first thought, but she found her a good deal more feeble than she expected. I took a little more cold a day or two ago, and have had some sore throat. The medicine we sent last a little yellow powder seems to help it at this time and I feel so I am better this morning. Jennie is getting better of her cold. Lucie was here a day or two ago, and she said, "Jennie is looking better every day." She does seem brighter, and is more cheery than she used to. Cousin M. remarks on her good looks every day — hope we shall all feel as much better after the weather settles. Our snow has gone a good deal the last week, and the roads are not so good as before the thaw — yesterday we had

quite a little snow storm, but today it is pleasant again, only a little [illegible]sly. Libbie was quite sick last evening — she took cold the night before, and was taken quite chilly, and with pain in her bones, and a little sore throat — went to Dr Weggins for something for her — she is a good deal better this morning. [illegible] is with her yet, but she expects to leave next Monday. She is going to work at [illegible]s. His school keeps one week after this. The baby is a little wearisome these days — probably his teeth trouble him — some — he has had [illegible] teeth — the lower [illegible] about a month. He is a great deal of company for us — is very fond of coming in here — wish you could see him. Write soon & often. Tell us of the show. — and how M. is.

[illegible]

Kemsen, April 2, 1881.

Dear Mary & J. E.

I believe we have not written to you that Mrs is to be married next week, [illegible] and his mother started yesterday to go to Wilmington to attend the wedding. They expected to be gone from home a week or more, and probably will visit you on their return, though they were not sure about going to N. Y. Dr. will write you I suppose before he starts from W. It is several days since we have heard from you, about a week, but hope we shall get a letter tonight, and that it will bring good news. Sarah is gaining quite slowly, but surely, we think. Herbert is a good deal better, but still troubles her when she is tired, or worried. The Dr. thinks this trouble

[illegible] is caused by weakness and prostration. She is taking Cod Liver Oil — has taken it the past three days. — finds it easier to take than she expected, and does not feel disturbed after taking it. It is Dr. Slocum's Compound Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil and Hypophosphites of [illegible] Soda. Do you know any thing about this preparation? We have said nothing to Dr. Williams about the recipe you sent — she was afraid it would sicken her of milk. You know she has a great aversion to any thing like mixing medicine and food: — as she felt so about it, we thought best to let it rest now, and take just what Dr. W. advises — we may be glad to try your recipe some other time. He has great faith that this will help her, if her stomach will bear it. He is going to open a drug store in Denver soon, and has given up outside practice, — so does

not come up any more, — one of us calls to see him and report, and he gives his advice. I should feel easier if he would see her occasionally, but perhaps he can do as well this way, what do you think? He gives no medicine but this. She still takes the herbing, & so do I. She sits up a good deal more than she did a week or two ago, gets up pretty often but cannot sit long at a time. We have the sofa from the parlor in the sitting room — it stands between the bedroom and clothes press doors. We keep a wood fire in bedroom, and coal fire in the sitting room. We have a light shawl hung over the bedroom door, so there will be no draft fall when she lies on the sofa, and still the air in both rooms is better than if the door was closed. When she is tired in the sitting room, she lies on the bed in the bedroom for a change — and I generally go there with her for company, — it gives me a good excuse

for resting. I have not been feeling well or strong for some time — can hardly tell that any thing is the matter with me, only that I am weak, and good for nothing. My back is quite weak lately, and [illegible] days it is hard for me to keep around. Sometimes I think I will consult [illegible] W. — to see if he could not give me something to strengthen me — Do you think it would be a bad plan? We sent with John Williams to Utica again this week and he got us some very nice fresh beef, and 2 dozen oranges. We were a little disappointed in the oatmeal you sent us — as you did not get thin beef, — that was what we used to get last winter, and it was much better than this. We are very glad to get an oothe of Lacto peptine [illegible] both take that. Dont fear of to send us a bill of all these things. We did not get a letter from you [illegible] expected — [illegible] you is sick — [illegible] us now

May is — is she any better? Yours Anna [illegible]

about garden making at home? Do you suppose Robbie could attend to it for us? They want a bedstead also an old table and thought perhaps we would spare so. Anna has written that they may take the one with need to alter at least till we go home. We do not exactly remember which it is - but we cannot tell about those in the gavret. They can have the table without leaves, that we took down cellar lately. It is not think they care for leaves and we will not miss that very much. We have not heard from your father again. Had you not better write soon - it is bugtimes now with him - and that may have kept him from writing - We had a letter from Mary. They had not quite decided about moving - was feeling one to John and Asia and quite uncertain. Give much keep much yourself - Wife [illegible]

Turin, April 12, 1882

faithful in writing, we try to be the same but are not always successful. We are sorry that you have been short of money, but are glad that you borrowed of Johny rather than of your school mates - that would make them feel more free to ask of you &c &c. We will send you some to return. Have you a money order office near? I do not see that it is any great gain for you to board in a club of only two. I supposed there were at least 20 or 30, and that you hired some one to cook and do your work &c and that she boarded with you. How do you take your meals? - alone? Does she cook and bake your things separate from what she does for her own family? Do you not think it costs quite as much and is less pleasant than

boarding, ~~outright~~ outright. It does not seem to us that there can be much gain. But if you enquire of Johnny and them, if he thinks best you can look around, and ~~then~~ write tell us the result. Walking is good for you, and you may find board cheaper a little farther from the school. I only suggest this. We think it cannot be very pleasant for you as you are now - not much better than if you boarded yourselves. ~~but~~ I am not very clear, I fear, but hope you will understand. The weather has been so cold and stormy this week that I have not been out since I went to prayer meeting Sunday night, and I suppose that makes me feel lazy. Anna has just finished a letter to Libbie four pages so I suppose she is too tired to write this time. We wish we might hope for another letter from you tonight - they cannot come too often - but we know we must expect you to be waiting for one from us. I think we have not missed any that

you have written tho' some take a good while to come. We have been having a little snow again and we propose having sugar on snow tonight. Wish you were near enough to be with us. Carroll and Charlie went to their uncle Jimmie's this morning, to stay till tomorrow night. All from here went to the school exhibition last Friday night except little Robert and I. Baby slept nicely all the time and I did not have to take him up once. About 9 the fire got low in the sitting room and I started it with shavings and kindlings I split off a board. When the fire got started I closed the damper and had no idea there was much of a blaze. About ½ past nine, as they were coming home from the exhibition Mr. & Mrs. Hughes came in to see if I wanted any help for the chimney was on fire. Mr. H. went up to the garret and found the pipe pretty hot but all safe. Edward heard the next day that the blaze was seen a good ways off and that it shot up 10 feet

when first noticed. Little Clarence Allen came to stay all night with the boys so that he might go with them to the exhibition. He is a little younger than Charley and had never spent a night from home before. He and Charlie went early and sat near the band - just front of them in the back of the hall - Clarence had never heard a band and it made him jump when they struck up with such loud music. He told his aunt Mate that he thought everything was tumbling down - Tonight there is to be a lecture by Rev. Dr. Willets of Philadelphia on Sunshine, the secret of a happy life. - We do not expect to go. - The people of the M.E. church here are making some changes - They are going to have a center aisle and one entrance door, same as the Pres. church.

Do you hear from Remsen, Edward heard that Morgan Owen is dead, but got none of the particulars. He also heard that Thomas Davies, French Road, died lately. We think he was the father of that little girl you gave the Youth's Companion for half a year. Are we right - his wife was Elizabeth Arthur. -

How soon do you think we ought to be seeing

Turin, May 24/82

Dear J. E. —

You will perhaps be surprised to hear from me again from Turin. I have had no letter from you this week, probably you have written to Jennie. She is still at Utica but I believe intends going home in a day or two, I do not know just when. I expect to go in a day or two after her — shall not feel like leaving her there long alone, though she says she will not stay alone nights. I have been most down sick with a cold for a few days, but am getting better now. We had a good visit from Jane and Libbie and little Lewis. They took dinner here Saturday. They went to Pierce's Sunday afternoon, and

from there started home, about 1 o'clock Monday. We shall be counting the time before you will be at home with us. I believe it is only about three weeks now before your school closes. Jennie wrote me that she was sending you some money from Utica – hope you have received it. I am very glad you have got along so well with your studies and think it has been a good thing that you were able to go this term. It gives you a little hold on your studies against next fall. You are very good for writing so often – your letters do us good every time. I am sorry I have been so poor a correspondent, but Jennie is always so ready and writes so well that I leave it a great deal to her. I am writing this to send with Carroll's & Charlie's letters – Lovingly your Aunt Anna.

I hasten a reply. It will
be far too late to settle so important
a question for you. We cannot
know the circumstances so as
to judge as well as you can.
If you really wish to stay out there
longer we do not think it would
be right for us to forbid it. Mary
has gone back since Monday
and the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
You know that it would be very
pleasant for us to have your com-
pany and your help. [Anna?] and
Carroll have been busy today learning
some of the drawings. We could
find but very few [illegible] — were
there [some?] in more than one
place? We had four orders to fill

today (one of Idoz, each of the Stocks
from Mica) and we did not find
enough trimmer. I am sending
to Mr. T.J.G. to print us more cards
we have two orders for them which
must wait — that you will want
to hear of something else besides this.
We have been burning wood
in the cook stove most of the
time since you went, and we
find it a great help to have so
much cut ready. The cellar is
drying nicely. Carroll cut a drain
with a hoe sound by the wall to
the outer drain — it is not quite
deep enough all the way but
if I can get time to show him
I think he can make it right.
We have had such dry weather
that there has not been enough
water in the lot for the cows
and of course there would not be

[illegible]

[illegible] in the cellar. This week
we have had rain three days. He
has finished with his hay but
they have a day and perhaps more
before finishing at his mother's. Ellen
and her baby and Flora went from Jones
Monday. They expected to be on the
Albany boat that night and to
leave Wilmington the next day.
They were to have gone with
Mary as far as New York but
she did not feel right not to
stop to see uncle. She expected
to leave Utica 11 A.M. Tuesday and
take that night's boat from Albany.
We have had no word from her
yet. Edward writes very faithfully
and Mate replies. I keep rather low
somewhat and so do not write to my
one much. Refuel a longing to hear
[illegible] from you and will try to do
your part. — If you stay with your

[illegible]

Hatten another three months or so, cannot
you keep on some with your studies?
Could you not recite to him? We
have settled nothing for next winter
only we shall probably have to go from
here. Where would you like to finish
fitting for college? What do you think
of Hillsdale, if your uncle B. stays there
I believe he has promised to teach there
one year more — John goes to Union
in Sept. and Hattie probably will go
with him to the city to be with
Mary awhile — Yesterday Lillie's uncle
Stephen came to tell them that her
father had a sunstroke Friday and is
~~very sick~~ [illegible] They all went over, and
Lillie and Lewis stayed — He seemed to
notice little Lewis and they thought per-
haps it would do him good to have
him there — Ran M. A. go again this
evening to hear what the Drs. think
Sullivan was to be there to consult today

things to make you comfortable.
Do not forget to mention how
your father's shoulder is — the
hope he will get help for the
hoping &c — the all send sounds
love to you both.

Very affly your mother
Jeannine [illegible]

Jeannine is very tired today, but
has made quite an effort to write this
so you may get it in time. She says
she will write again soon. It
are glad to have you comfort your
father a little now he is poorly.
Hope if you do stay two or three
months longer it will [illegible]
loss to you. I wish you would give
us a more full account of your
Kansas life. How do you manage about
your washing and ironing? Are you
learning to cook? we expect you will be quite a butter maker who makes the bread,
and pies &c. Do you find it very much
warmer there than here? Where is your
cook stove — in which room? Send some message
to Frankie when you write next — does your father

[illegible] his letter [illegible] his [illegible] letter [illegible]

After Supper — Anna was up stairs resting when I wrote and she thinks after reading it over that I say too much about the work here as that we needed you. It is not that, of course if you [illegible] it will be to go to school and you would have to go very soon — she says it will be a pity for you not to feel satisfied with your visit after going so far — and very likely it will be better on the whole for you to stay as you propose. You can tell best your own wishes in the matter. We should be glad to have your keep on with your studies a little — Let us know if you want us to send any money. Have you stockings and other

Home, Dec. 1. 1884.

My dear J. L. —

We sent you a letter Fri. morning, with a check for $25 made by Anna [illegible] Everett to J. L. Everett. Jennie thinks I ought to have put your full name, & also addressed the letter in the same way, and we have felt anxious since lest for some reason you did not get it. It was one of H. R's son's checks. Be sure and let us know if you received it, and if you do not receive it, ~~you~~ make my apices, and do not fail to write, as we are quite anxious. How did you spend Thanksgiving?

Have you heard from your Father yet? If I remember rightly, you will be coming home in about two weeks, or a little more, is that so? We understand from Turin that Ed. Williams, brother of Rob. Williams, is to be married this week to Elsie Newman. There are about 60 guests invited, among Jennie W. — John Williams Expressman & wife, Richd Davies & wife.

Be sure and write when you get this.

Your loving Aunt
Anna L. Everett

[illegible] Dec. 10, 18[illegible]

Dear J. C.

It is too fast [illegible] not answered your good talk before this — the [illegible], we have [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] week we had the [illegible] maker here, and our winter's beef and pork both came, sooner than we expected. Then we made head cheese & sausage, tried the lard and tallow, and packed the meat in brine, [illegible] the other work — so you see we have had plenty to do. [illegible] [illegible] his — he has had the most to do. We have not heard from your father, have you? Wm P. Owen is to be buried today. There are a good many [illegible] ones about — mostly [illegible]

men. Charlie Evans came
home sick about a week
ago — we think he has the typhoid
fever — his father is also sick.
George Pugh has been very poor
for a long time — with George
Griffith. G. Elmer Jones has
come home to his stepfather
(G. Morgan) probably to die — has
a tumor in his stomach or
something of that sort. There are
two or three others quite sick
but I do not know as you know
them. Except Owen Roberts,
he was taken sick a [illegible]
days ago — is now getting [illegible]
Phil. Thomas' Jennie Dun-
kerays were married a week
ago. Louiza says "tell him I
am going to finish my school
as quick as I can, [illegible]
[illegible] to him" this

in reply to my query "what
shall I tell him about you?"
The snow is pretty deep this
morning, far walking, but
not enough for good sleeping
— so L. has it pretty hard to get
back and forth. She would
board to Thomas Evans this
week if they were all well,
but prefers to brave the
weather rather than go there
now. How do you like your
new quarters? We are anxious
to know, does your stove do
well? We are looking to see
you home next week — hope
to have a good visit then.
You dont know how much we
miss you.

How will it do, if you have [illegible]
[illegible] get a dresser to [illegible] —
[illegible]

Wednesday noon
— As I failed
to send this
a.m. I will
add a little
Lessage brought
a card from
Turin written
this a.m. The
Drs. do not
think Maggie
dangerously ill
— She has not
the fever but
congestion of the
liver a type of
typhoid. Yes
Be sure to
write without
delay as we
are anxiety —
A. L. S. F. E.

to have received [illegible] since the great storm now more than a week. I sent you a P.O. order for $30. a week today and the next day the package of handkerchiefs — We hope you are not sick — and that you received these things safely — Write please immediately on on getting this if you have not already done so. Your cousin Maggie is quite sick — they fear with typhoid fever. Her mother went to see her last Thursday and they come expected her home last night — I went on my snow shoes after supper to see if they had heard anything more but they had not — Jane went directly to Turin on the 7 p.m. train and William took her to Pierce's the next morning — P. had just got back from Maggie's and she took Jane the rest of the way — William

wrote to Clara Saturday and Edward to us — Their letter reached them that day but we got our ~~[illegible]~~ Monday — This is the last we have heard — we hope by this she is better — I mean to go down by and by to see if Fanny came last night — It is very nice snow shoe walking and I made a number of trips last week — The weather is very pleasant — but yesterday a.m. was cold Here the Ther. stood ~~[illegible]~~ 5° ~~a little~~ about 7 a.m. ~~but~~ — George heard that the village Ther were 25 degrees below —

Anna wishes to know whether you have read the short-hand exercise she sent you in our last letter — Do try to write often — that is a good boy. Have you begun your reviews? and do you find them harder than the advance? Do you keep off the ponies? Better walk than ride such frisky animals —

Eunice is better tho' still very weak — The village is full of cases of measles —

I must close with love —

I am sent this in your letter to me the other [illegible]

Home, April 9, 1886.

My dear Eddie. —

I read yours Saturday I think — but have not had the money yet, — was it sent in the long envelope, or how? Possibly it is in the P. O., as we have not sent down since Saturday. Mr. Curt. might brought us the mail today, a letter from Kansas from Mary — they are about as usual there. I will have Mr. J. go to the office tomorrow, and if he does not get the letter from you, I will write again. I hope it is not lost. Alice came today Mark brought her to the corner, and she walked from there. M will stay till Wednesday I think. I cannot write much tonight, as I am tired having written to the girls. Love from you —

Aunt [illegible]

268 West St, North
Hillsdale, Mich.
Dec 14 1891

Dear Nephew:

Your two letters of the 5th and 8th with the two $5s came a few minutes ago, and caused great rejoicing. We thank you very much for the money, and Anna will give it the same record as that you gave us when you were here. We are so glad of your arrangement with the "Normal &c" and hope it will be genial and profitable. It will at least bridge you over until you can look around, and it may be a very good thing. How do you like it?

I received the impression that [illegible] not pay his teachers much [illegible] something of that sort. Perhaps it was [illegible] he was not very well es-[illegible] possibly. It was when [illegible] Mrs. Moffat's [illegible], Dr. Lucy Brown thought [illegible] for a place as teacher [illegible] Physiology. I only mention this that you may be guarded [illegible] not keep long accounts. I do [illegible] that this will be a nice thing for you. Is Dr. Brown there still & how is she doing? I intend [illegible] in today's mail a Welsh [illegible] to Mrs. Moffat for Christmas, with thanks for her kindness to you. I brought one with me for that purpose and intended to send it with you, but forgot. I am glad you are going to be near

those kind friends, though of course you will be away a great deal. — In which church is your membership? If the minister of whom you speak, comes to Harper will he also preach for the Anthony church? I feel troubled about their being so suddenly left without a pastor, but hope it will all come out right. I have written one or two letters to you addressed to Anthony since the one with Johnny's. Have you had them? I was writing to Ope when yours came, & have told them of your new arrangement with the suggestion that we say nothing of the change to friends, "Back East," as you are not fully settled & your address is the same. They will appreciate that as they feel so about their own affairs. — With much love and heartfelt

wishes you Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year.

Your Aunts
Anna & Mary

Dear J. E. — We have just received the enclosed letter from Albany — and send both to you. If you can we would like to have you see T. J. Griffith, and ask his opinion as to the relative merits of the two firms. The one at Syracuse seems to be the cheapest. Did you get pennies postal, asking you to bring us some tomatoes next time you come. There is a letter here from Hettie — as you will probably be coming home so soon, we will keep it for you or until you send for it; in case you do not come home this week.

Try to see the Commissioner
of B. R. R. R. if you can.
Give much love to Louisiana
and thanks for their kindness
to you. I hope Fannie is better
Can they not come and
make us a visit soon? It
is very pleasant here now.
and we would be very glad to
see one or both of them. We
went to Pangmyan & [illegible]
and feel very tired today. [illegible]
did not come home with us
will probably come to [illegible]
tomorrow [illegible]

1852

My dear Sister Mary;

I dont think I can make out to write you quite as long a note as you did me, because I ought to be going to Elizabeths. You are a good sister, Mary, for ~~my~~ thinking about me, but I dont know as I want my thing from home now: you have sent me every thing

I went at present I believe I
suppose [illegible] I think
it is too bad that she [illegible] her
chance in Utica. I have not seen
Robert since I came from home, I
think he is real naughty for not
coming here to see us, don't you?
We have gone through Grammar
once this term, and we are now
reviewing it. We have just gone through
practice in Arithmetic; and in
Philosophy, we are in Meteorology,—
aint that a large word? but it
is even so. we are learning about
clouds, rain, and all such sort of
things. I think it is too bad that
so many of our folks have been
through Utica, but did not as much

as ~~[illegible]~~ stop here to see us.
I think of going through Hansen
in about three weeks; ask Pa and
Ma if I had better visit home
then or ~~[illegible]~~ shall my business
be too urgent? I think, however,
that I had better render good
for evil this time and give you
a call. this in haste from Anna.

1852

My dear Sister Mary;

I dont think I can
make out to write you quite as long
a note as you did me, because I
ought to be going to Calyabetta.
You are a good sister, Mary, for ~~[illegible]~~
thinking about me, but I dont know
us I want any thing from home
now. you have sent me every thing

morning, and I have the afternoon to study. # Is Miss Batchelor at New Graefenberg yet, and do you still room with her. Please give my love to her if she is there. I wish I could step into your room this evening, and have a good nice visit, but I suppose you would say it was too late to receive calls, as it is now near half past nine. However, I should like to see you very much. I must not write much more, as Jennie is preparing to retire, and I must do the same. Good night, dear sister, hope you will write to us when you feel able.

Anna.

Pleasure [illegible] tell us how you [illegible] to sure.

Studies here, all for the sake of improv-
ing [illegible] company with it and I am
obliged to [illegible] all alone. [illegible]
have found [illegible] this till [illegible]
to write. According to arrangement
I board here in the College building
This as you know is near [illegible] of
[illegible] there has been no boarding
connected with the ladies department
A large majority of the pupils are from
this place, [illegible] been in the school before
and become attached to their old
boarding places and so our family is
not very large. We get everything
has passed off very pleasantly. All
young ladies are very [illegible] and
cheerfully enter into all my arrangements
I have the entire charge of them—
there being no other Lady teacher
of course all the drawing teachers, & that
of the classes are heard by the Pres-
ident and professors I have only
three recitations. We meet with the
whole school every morning, Sat. and Sun=

day excepted, in the Gentlemen's college for breakfast at 6 1/2. The last bell [illegible] Sunday morning, all join immediately from the breakfast table as we do every day from the tea table [illegible]. [illegible] Recitations [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]. The percentage of young ladies in the college [illegible] [illegible], the whole number of pupils about 170. Both the Gentlemen's and Ladies colleges have just been completed or rather are now hardly finished. They are beautiful buildings [illegible] [illegible] stories high. The [illegible] floor is called basement though entirely above ground.

I am much too weary to describe the building to night. I will perhaps do so in the morning or certainly the next time I write, then I will tell [illegible] them.

Dear Mary, I have just been writing to Sis, the first letter I have written

since coming here. What did you think Sister, when you found we had come so far away without ~~seeing~~ seeing you? I didn't like it very well: but perhaps it was best. It seems a long time since we have had a letter from you. Hope you will be able to write to us before long, for it seems so good to get letters from our home friends, and we want to know how you are getting along. This has been a cold, wet day, and I like it better than the very warm days we have had since coming here. They have a great deal of warm weather here, and but little snow in winter: but any quantities of mud. It takes but a little rain to make it very muddy, ~~and the~~ and mud here is so sticky, that it would be almost impossible to get about if it were not for the side-walks. We have a very pleasant room, with two windows, and though we have not got it quite furnished yet, we are very comfortable. My studies are Algebra Physiology and History. I do not yet take music lessons, as there is no teacher in the building, but they hope to have one soon. My recitations all come in the

Galesburg, Apr. 15, '58.

Dear Sister Mary:

Wonder if you have such rainy dismal weather as we? There has been a continual dropping.

Tues., April 20. — I dont see any hope of fennie's getting this letter finished very soon, so I will take it in hand, and write a few lines. As fennie says, "there has been a continual dropping," and it has hardly ceased since she commenced writing this. This rain makes such delightful mud, I wish you could be here, and enjoy it. You would laugh to hear the people tell of the time when there were no sidewalks about town;

ladies could not get out during the muddy season, and men would have to put on their rubber boots, and wade. — I am perfectly surprised, (and I ~~guess~~ you are too) when I think how long it has been since we have written to you, or to Elizabeth. I have more time to write today, than usual, as one of my teachers is sick, and his classes do not recite. ~~I and~~ ~~have~~ so I have only two recitations this week. I am studying Rhetoric, German, and Geometry. I recite Rhet to Jennie, and my other teachers are Prof's. Wilcox and Hitchcock, and Miss Smeltzand in music. I like them all very much. I had a letter from Sarah Amelia this morning, a real good letter, too. She said she was going to write to Sis, the same day she wrote to me. I suppose

Sis has received her letter before now. She said that she had heard that Owen had gone to Chicago. Perhaps we shall see him and have before he finishes his journey. I should really like to see some of our old friends again. Only nine weeks more, and then our term closes; and perhaps we shall go home. I shall be glad for Jennie to have a little rest, for I think she needs it. Her health has not been very good this term. I think such long terms dont agree with her.

I cannot write much more now as it is most time to take it to the mail. I hope we shall be able to write to Elizabeth and Sis before long. Please give my love to them, and Bro. Butler, and to all the little ones, and write as soon as

you feel able. We would like a letter if it is ever so short. We do not hear from home now so often as we did when you and Cynthia were home. But we try to make the best of the few letters we do get, and be thankful for them. I wish Johnny and Lizzie would write to me. I should be so glad to get a letter from them. O, I do want to see the dear little ones so badly; I wish we had their likenesses.

Good bye, much love to all

from Jennie & Anna.

1850's

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] or rather [illegible] day [illegible]; [illegible] two other letters at the same time one from [illegible], and one from [illegible] so you see she had three [illegible] the same day; she was quite delighted to receive [illegible] brother, and I think that we [illegible] [illegible] Mary, dear, can you forgive me for [illegible] so long [illegible] you; I did intend to write to you before this, but I [illegible] and I hope you will forgive me this time, and I will try to do better in future. Susan [illegible] has just [illegible] here, she brought her sewing and is going to stay [illegible], I guess.

We were very sorry to hear that there was so much sickness there, at the same [illegible] is afraid that you are not very well and she wants to know if you do not think you had better come home with vacation to recruit a little; she [illegible] you [illegible] last, but she thinks you [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] sick.

[illegible] today [illegible] to school, [illegible] he seems to enjoy himself very much.

[illegible] closes next Friday, and then I guess she will [illegible] for a few [illegible]. The [illegible] the [illegible]

This afternoon, it has rained pretty steady, (though it does not rain very hard) and [illegible] ~~still~~ still remains is fast disappearing.

I wish [illegible] [illegible] a little bird [illegible].

[illegible]

Wednesday 19.— I left this here yesterday, and must write a few ~~letters~~ lines to you today before they ~~go~~ take this to the mail, John and Eddy are going in a few minutes and I must hasten. Sarah had a letter from cousin Anna from California last night, she was not very well, troubled with the rheumatism her lame limb; the rest were pretty well; they have from twelve to fourteen in the family, and Aunt has all the work to do, she has to work pretty hard, but they talk of moving to the city soon, and then she will not

have so much to do. Ben is most ready to start
and I must close. Write soon and tell us what you
think about coming home. We all want to see you
very much, I shouldn't wonder if you had to
come. Good bye now, your sister Anna.

[illegible] 1857

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] write if [illegible] a letter, and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] tomorrow. The last

[illegible] last Wednesday,

and it will [illegible] week, today is Monday. Sarah washed this morning, [illegible] morning. She is rather tired this afternoon. I wonder how you have got along with the [illegible] at home. I would like to stop in and see how [illegible] today.

I really think if you should see me
now, you would think I had improved.
I feel stronger and better, and my
head is better. You would be astonished
if you should happen to see me at table
in all the quantity of good things I posed
of at one time. Do you think you could
stand the sight?

Johnny and Lizzie and Willie were
very much pleased with the things
that were sent to them. Johnny's little
[illegible] what he wanted, as he had none
with reference. Lizzie's [illegible] is very much
admired. She keeps it very carefully. The
collar [illegible] sent Miss Ballenger was just
a finger's length too short, so I knit some
more to it, and today it was [illegible].
She thinks it is very pretty. Elizabeth
has been here two or three times already.
I suspect she might [illegible]. Elizabeth
wants me to ask you to look in your
[illegible] coloring, and see what would
be wanted to color a dress like this

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as it
was before he went home. He [illegible]
very kindly about Father and Mother,
but the rest of our talk [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

I think I must close now,
as I am so tired and [illegible] [illegible]
to take this to the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
a short walk before dark. Good bye
with ever so much love to all from

Your sister [illegible].

[illegible] when you wish to play
all the parts of a piece [illegible] all
[illegible] reach with your right
hand [illegible] you can most always play
these parts [illegible] your right hand.
if there should be a [illegible] or two
of [illegible] that you [illegible] reach [illegible]
with the [illegible] hand
[illegible] ~~not [illegible]~~
[illegible] best to play all
[illegible] right hand
[illegible]
[illegible] hand [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] I am glad [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] make [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] dont [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] thank.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] is [illegible]

[illegible] How long will you

[illegible] take care of yourself

[illegible] and [illegible] How I

[illegible] like [illegible] for [illegible] today

[illegible] about your plans and [illegible]

[illegible] getting along. If you will all be [illegible]

for a few days we [illegible] think of you often, but

[illegible] that would help you much. Have

you [illegible] any of the others lately? [illegible] to

[illegible] she has got [illegible]

now. [illegible] glad to get Mathers letter this

afternoon, wish it had been a little longer. [illegible]

[illegible] Mathie says that when he says that

[illegible] little children [illegible]

ought to [illegible] and [illegible] them [illegible]

[illegible] in the right way, Mathie says [illegible] he

wanted me to ask her. I wish I would see him,

and Mabbie too. We had a nice [illegible] Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] and their little girl came

[illegible] to spend the [illegible] and in the afternoon

they very kindly [illegible] us a ride in their carriage,

[illegible] the two [illegible] and I took possession

the [illegible] three miles out and back - six

miles in all - [illegible] very nice time, and

enjoyed it very much.

[illegible]

[illegible] that letter [illegible]

[illegible] which we were very glad to get and to know

[illegible] well. You probably received one from [illegible]

[illegible] that [illegible] which we hope to get an answer

to [illegible] tomorrow, or next day. We want to [illegible]

[illegible] that you will get it Saturday [illegible]

[illegible] Eddie this week, [illegible]

[illegible] well [illegible]

[illegible] today [illegible] pumpkins today.

[illegible] pumpkin [illegible] get? [illegible]

[illegible] the orchard? [illegible] the potatoes [illegible]

[illegible] will be able to get [illegible]

[illegible] much [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] will hardly be able to [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] is out. We had a very [illegible]

[illegible] today a little [illegible]

[illegible] — [illegible]

[illegible] and John Eddie getting along? I want to see them.

[illegible] much and Robbie and Cine and Maggie [illegible].

[illegible] love to all our friends who enquire for us.

[illegible] — The home not got much acquainted

[illegible] that we are enjoying the visit in

the family very much. We shall be sorry to leave

[illegible] to get home. Love to all from us

all, be sure and tell us if you want us to

[illegible] home [illegible]. [illegible], [illegible] F. E.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] I [illegible] good [illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible] either [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Tues. Evening

I have a mind to write a diary like letter this time, a few lines now and then as I find time, if you will excuse such an unconnected strain. I have just put the baby to bed, and am sitting up stairs to wait for him to sleep. Belour mother and the girls are at work starch ironing, and the others, I guess sewing Jennie and Father have gone to the village to attend prayer meeting. Mr. Phillips was in Plainfield last Sab. Father preached from the words. I have no one like minded who will naturally care for your souls. a good sermon you might know. In the afternoon Jennie went with him to Pen.

Your letter did not reach us till Sat. night. We were very glad to get it, and heartily rejoice that your prospects are so bright, and that you have such a happy home.

The children were highly pleased with their letters. We received one from John the same night. He is better of the chills. they are growing letter, and he says he hopes soon to miss them. They had had an extensive prarair fire to fight just before he wrote. ~~they~~ It nearly baffled them for three days but the finally succeeded in subdu~~ing~~ it — Eddie wrote home recently. His time is up there soon he had not decided what to do next year. He inquired how you were getting along. Mary, I wish you would write to Mrs. Thomas. I had entirely forgotten that you left any medecine for her Is it in a very little bottle. not labeled? Robbie's school commenced ~~to do~~ yesterday Isaac Prichard did not get a certificate and a son of John Edwards ~~French Road~~ Pen y Caeau is teaching.

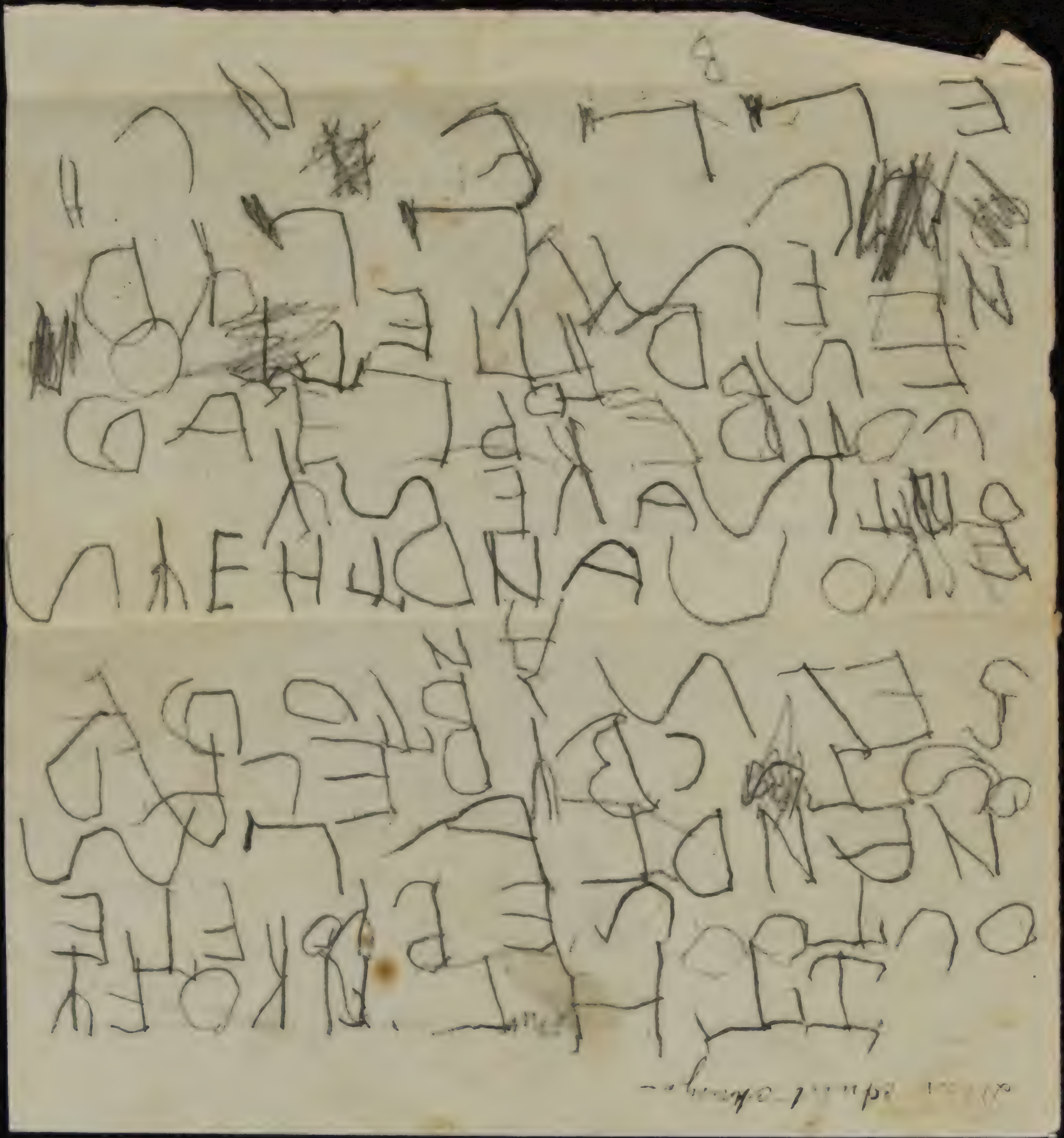
I must go down now and sew a little. I have been ripping up some of my old dresses for comforters.

Wednesday, Nov. 27. 1867.

I have come across Cynthia's "diary", written, I should think, more than a week ago. What will she say, think you, if I finish it up with a little of my nonsense, and send it off! She is very busy, and I will take that for my excuse. The girls are folding the last form to day, you know how slow and troublesome that is for this number — tomorrow I mean the Com. — not the girls they must be sewed. Jennie had a little note from Thomas last evening, with a communication for Com. — we were glad to hear, as it was some time since we had had a letter from you. T. said you and Liggie did not know he was writing — that was the reason probably, that we had no word from you. I had a letter from Eddie two or three days ago — last Sunday, he says, he came within one of being married! the "one" was Johnny Jones who was married, and Eddie had the honor of standing by his side during the ceremony. Wasn't that a narrow escape for him. ~~De~~ Last week we had a few days of sleighing,

and Cynthia and I took advantage of it by going in the cutter up to "Yaids" — we went up Thursday afternoon, and staid there until after dinner the next day, then went to Robert Jones, took tea there, and came home in time for the girls to go to the "lodge." We had a very pleasant time, were very glad to make that visit. Robert Hughes and Jane were here one evening last week. they left love to be sent to you, Catharine Amelia, when she was here, wished me to send you her love when I wrote, though she said she wished to retain a part of it — she did not say who for. I am afraid I cant begin to remember how many have inquired for you — but your friends all seem interested to know how you get along. Mrs. H. Jones has been quite poorly for two or three weeks past, is better now, but not well enough to do a great deal of work. She was over here a little while yesterday. You will see by Cen. that Thos. Jones, Bethel is dead. He was buried last Sunday — his two sons Wm. and Edward attended the funeral. Emily Douglas is also dead, she died last week in Utica — was buried in Trenton, I dont know what was the matter with her, but heard that she had been sick some time. Sis had a letter from Cousin Ottie last night from Philadelphia. she is visiting her cousin Grace Greenwood

will probably visit us before she returns — sometime this winter. John Williams, Poala, is married to one of the "Pastol" girls. I hope we will have a letter from you tonight. Love from all especially Cynthia & Anna



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I believe I must write a little more. Can you guess what for Cynthia was so busy last week making comforters. I guess she thought she would need comforting, sometime. Well, to tell the sober truth, she and Milas are engaged, and if their plans are not changed, they will probably be married sometime next spring or summer. You know he is preaching now at Little Falls, and intends to be there until Spring. It is not yet decided whether he will take a charge in the Conference then, or wait another year. So until that is decided, the time for the wedding will not be, I suppose. I wish you could be at home to help her get ready — perhaps you will. If he does not enter the Conference next summer, she will have more time, of course, but he says he doesn't want to go to work alone, when he does go. It is getting dark, so I must stop. Give much love to Thomas and Lizzie — I am glad you are having such a good time — Anna.

Are you in need of money? [illegible]
[illegible] and would like to [illegible]
[illegible], if you [illegible] rather [illegible] a draft of some
over twenty dollars if you wish it he
will send you that. [illegible] feel anxious to
hear from you mother especially. Do not over-
tax yourself, you had better not learn quite
so much, than do that. Do you find the lectures
as interesting as you expected? I almost envy
you your ride on the ferry - that must be very
pleasant.

Thurs. Feb. 13. 1868

Dear sister Mary.

Johnny has been writing to you, so I will try and write a little to send with his letter. We received your letter to Father, — that was the last received — you did not say whether you got the money from Father, but you probably did, as you mention the letter it was sent in. I am afraid "Uncle Sam" has not been very faithful, this winter, carrying our letters to you — you say you have received none since the one Jennie wrote the day after Donation. — We certainly wrote one or two after that — Jennie and I wrote once — and sent the same time a letter from Maggie which had been here two or three months

or more, waiting to be sent, — we had forgotten to send it one or twice when we were writing — so please answer that letter, even if it is not received. She has been looking for an answer long ago. The children are all pretty well now. Lewis' children have been having colds again and sore throat, have got pretty well over it now.

What do you think about Cynthia's spasms? Do you think they will in time impair her health, or her mind — or that they are any thing of the epileptic nature? She is feeling quite anxious about them now, — she ~~think~~ has had several this winter, perhaps 5 or 6, not generally very hard ones. Couldn't you consult some one there, and write to her if you think there is no danger. She and Jennie and Mr Philips have gone to Trenton this afternoon — the girls were going to see Dr. Ferry, and ask his opinion about the spasms. We dont feel very

anxious, more so than usual, but she worries a good deal — you know it will soon be over. If you could write her an encouraging letter soon I think it would help relieve her mind very much. It doesn't agree with her more than the rest of us to worry — I think her health was better than usual ~~until within a few weeks~~ the first part of the winter.

Miles was here yesterday — he was sent for to come and see his mother who was very sick, not expected to live. He was quite sick at the time, having been threatened with fever, the second time, and was not able to come at first, but came as soon as the Dr. would allow it, — and was home three or four days before his mother died — she died last Saturday, and was buried Tuesday. She had been sick several weeks. If it doesn't storm tomorrow, he said he would come over, and Cynthia promised to go with him

to see his folks.

My health is not quite as good as it was in the fall and first of winter — my head troubles me more, and I have very little strength, or energy. I dread the spring months a good deal, but perhaps by taking care I can avoid having a sick spell this spring, as I had the last two. I am taking "Mrs. Snow's medicine" now, a very little once a day. I think in some respects it is doing me good. Cynthia takes it too. Mather has been poorly again — has had diarrhea and cold, is better now, but seems quite feeble. Mother is pretty well. We shall all be glad when you come home.

Your dear Sister Anna.

Dear Mary — I hope you have got your money on the Drafts without much trouble.

Your Pa & Ma hope they can pay your expenses in N.Y. this winter without your having to use your little fund — Your coupons this time came to 8.34 which with the $10.50 on Lewis's Note we can send any time — shall we send it soon —

With much love from us all

Your father

Robt Everett

Dear sister Mary — I will write you just a few lines. for fear you will go away — before I get a chance to say a word to you. Mother says you talk of starting some time next week. I wish I could help you get ready — you must be pretty busy. I have thought a great deal about you these last days. Wish I could see you just a little while — but you must write — dont leave us a great while without a letter after you get there, please. Father's and Mother's visit did us lots of good — it was better [illegible]

medicine! Hope they were not very
tired when they got home. Dr. told
Mother that perhaps I could go from
in four or five weeks - she has probably
told you what he said. I liked what
he said about my going home very well.
Did they feel better satisfied after seeing
him? Sears about ready to at - I write
the letter, so I must stop. I will write
you more again. Mary is hoping to have
a letter from you, as you promised her.
Jane has not got home yet, but we
are expecting her. Are you [illegible]
I wens yet [illegible] to [illegible] - [illegible] she
coming to Home to see [illegible] [illegible] Anna

Roman, March 9, 1870.

Dear sister Mary,

The last letter we have received from you was the Robbie written most two weeks ago. We feel anxious to hear again. Hope you are not having another sad time with your head. Robbie was very much pleased to get your letter — took it with him to Hanna, intending to answer from there. But I must begin to tell you something about myself before I get too tired. I cannot say that I have gained much if any the last few weeks. The last medicine I took while visiting in Twin and

soon after coming home — I was tired most of the time. Perhaps it did not have [illegible] chance. About two weeks ago, I was [illegible] day after dinner with [illegible] my stomach, I had just such a spell as I used to have two years ago — not a very severe one [illegible] — my stomach was very sour at the time. Bowels were quite costive for several days after, — I took one powder for that: and it has helped me. Ever since then, I have that same cramping pain in my stomach when I get tired. It is relieved by lying down, and sometimes by eating. My appetite has not been so good since that spell as before. The morning headaches I have about the same as when you were home.

O dear, what a gaunting letter! I am sorry to trouble you with it.

That's the good that comes of being
a Dr. you see. I really wish you
could give me something that
would give me such a nice start
as I had last Spring. — Anna has
left this for me to finish — she
says that she meant to have told
you about her back — it is more
lame and painful than usual
— Last Sabbath she went to church
and got very tired — when we were
just ready to start home Lewis
came to tell us that the house
was sick and Tommy had taken
her home very soon after meeting
commenced. Thomas Evans took
pity on us and brought us all home
in his great sleigh. Today Anna
went for a ride as far as Phil D.
Griffiths' and stopped while Tommy
drove to the village — Ellen D Griffiths
is there now — she has been sick

at Owen's for several weeks and went to Gwen's only the last of last week - she is pretty smart now. - Gwen's mother was buried last Thursday - she died the Saturday night before - her sister, Mrs. Hughes also died the same night and was buried in Bethel the Wednesday.

Last Monday we had a letter from Cynthia saying that she might come home this week as there was trouble again about the appropriation money for the schools - she has probably written to you. We are hoping every mail to hear more definitely from her and if she comes - when we may meet her at the depot. We are very sorry for her tho' we shall be so glad to see her. - Robbie started as arranged Eddie and I accompanied him to Utica and I send in this their shadows cast then. - A dear, Mary H. Jones and Gth A Griffiths were married yesterday P.M. They are going to live

in the old home and they have hired John Thomas to work on the farm. Anna and Jennie

Ransom, March 18. 1875.

Dear Mary, —

We have had a very stormy week so far, but to-day it is bright and pleasant; and there is a nice crust, which I think I shall take advantage of, and take a walk to the village, as we have had no mail for two days. We are hoping to get a letter from you to-day. Jennie received your letters about the furs. We will send the money, I think to Eddie, I think, to-day. It seems best to send to him now, as it has been several days, since you purchased the furs, and we dont know but he may

have received the bill, and perhaps sent the money. We have not seen Jennie Griffith yet.

Emlyn Jones wrote to Lewis the other day saying he intended to preach a funeral sermon next Sunday, which you remember he spoke of before. I fear none of us can go down, as it is so near the end of the month. We had a letter from J. R. Griffith Floyd, saying that the Sunday after the funeral their church was draped in mourning, and he preached from the text in Heb. 13:7. Also in the church in Hyde Park, Pa., where E. R. Lewis is Pastor, the pulpit was draped, and remarks made on the occasion by the pastor.

We had a very good prayer meeting here last Tuesday evening. The roads were very soft, so that no horses could come, but quite a number came from the village a foot. Rev. R. Evans and Rev. Mr. Hughes came in the afternoon and staid till after meeting. Mr. Hughes is from Ohio, and preached for us last Sabbath - also is to preach next Sabbath. They are printing the last side of first form to day - so you see mother and I have had proof reading to do. Also I have had some Cenhadwr letters to answer. Altogether we manage to lead a pretty busy life. I am in hopes we can arrange to have Jennie and Sio visit you soon. We are expecting Sarah I

William home in a few days - they expected to move this week, but perhaps this storm will make some change in their plans. Frank had a postal card from his Father from Paola, the other day. We are very sorry he failed to visit Elizabeth. Mrs. Richards (Mrs. H. Thomas' mother) is still very low - has been for several days so that they hardly expected her to live from one day to the other. I visited at Lewis' one day last week - walked on his path. Jennie would like to know - would you like another tub of butter - we have not sold yet. We are much obliged to Mrs. Jones for her payment of butter money. Cynthia has not

been quite so well this week - had a hard spell Sunday and two light-ones since. Love from us all to you both

Yours sister
Anna.

Remsen. July 14, 1876.

Dear Mary, –

We received your letter this morning. I hardly know what to say about Cynthia – she continues very feeble, and head is very weak.

Sat. morn. – I commenced this yesterday but was hindered from writing more. – Cynthia seems better this morning. – her head is better, and she seems more natural than for several days. She took the powder marked 1 last night, and we hope it has helped her. She did not rest as well last night as the night before – the wind blew in quite cool in the night, and she took some cold, and suffered with the tooth-ache towards morning, but that is relieved now, and she seems resting nicely – Jennie gave her

a dose of Aconite this morning, for her cold. She has omitted the Puls. and will continue taking the Nit. through the day, as you proposed. She had been for some time without taking any of the Nit., ~~thinking~~ as the irritation has been less. And she seemed to need other medicines more. We have wished so much for the last few days that you were nearer, — we had about decided that we must call in Dr. Williams if she should be no better today. We thought that we would feel better to get his opinion of her case, even if she did not take his medicine. Her trouble with the rectum she thinks is less today than yesterday. We cannot tell how she will be, of course, but will write again. I will send this this morning, if there is an opportunity, if not will put in a word this afternoon.

Yours sister Anna

Sunday afternoon. — I fear you will be very anxious about Cynthia, — as we had no opportunity to send this yesterday, I will write a few lines, and send it from church tonight. She slept better last night than for a long time, and seemed so bright this morning that we were quite encouraged, and all went to church but Jennie. This afternoon, she does not seem so well — has complained a good deal of throbbing pain in her left temple, and seems quite weak and nervous. She has had a great deal of pain in the back of the neck yesterday and today. The paroxysms of pain through the top of the head have not been so severe or so frequent for two or three days, but her head seems to pain her constantly, — aggravated by the slightest causes, especially of motion or excitement. It troubles her very much to

be obliged to decide the most trifling question - what she will have to eat, the arrangement of the ventillation, where she shall lie, or any such thing. She sleeps up stairs nights, but has been able to come down every day. She is not able to sit up but a few minutes at a time - the pain commences in her head, and it gets to buzzing and throbbing. She rested in Father's bed after coming down this morning - is in the parlor bedroom now - it seems to do her good to change about. She has not been able to sit at the table with us since Tuesday afternoon. Her appetite was very good the first of the week - but for the last two or three days, she has had some trouble with her stomach, and is not so much inclined to eat. Mother gives her chlorate of potash when her stomach is sour, and it seems to relieve it. She takes a little wine, but only a very little at a time - she has been afraid of it, but is more willing

to take it after having that advice
She complains that it troubles her stomach a good deal.
from you. Her bowels have been
pretty regular for her, - the trouble with the
rectum is not so well today - I do not
really know as it has been any better.
I got your second letter last evening,
but could not find the medicine you
said you would inclose. We will look
for another letter from you soon.
Will you be able to come home with
Elizabeth's people? They are just start-
ing to church, so I must close my
letter. Cynthia is pretty comfortable
now. Has been feeling very languid
for some hours this afternoon.

Your sister

Anna

Remsen. July 17. 1876.

Dear Sister Doctor. —

We sent you a letter last night, — and as we have an opportunity to send to the village to-night, will write a few words to let you know how Cynthia is. We think she seems stronger to-day, and more natural than before. She sat at the tea-table with us to-night, and stood it well. We feel quite encouraged about her, though she is so fitful, as you know, that we feel that we can hardly tell how she is. Of course we shall have a good deal of anxiety about her for the next week or two, until after the next sick spells. She does not take Pills now, — had we better return to as soon as the powders you sent are all gone? We will try to write to you often, especially if there should be any change

for the worse — her stomach is some better today, and she is able to take a little more nourishment. The rest of us are pretty well. Mattie and I have been reading proof today.

Anna

Thurs. afternoon

Mr. Dear Sister —

We have heard nothing from you since you started, but hope to have tonight. We want to know how you are [illegible] of the your journey. Do you [illegible] that it was [illegible] to you to be away? Who did you find Uncle? He had a letter from J. E. this morning proposing to give up on [illegible] of school and stay a little longer with his father, and asking our advice and decision on the matter. [illegible] is writing to him. We do not feel like deciding either way as we do not know all the circumstances. Perhaps he will not lose very much in his school by staying. We are about as usual — [illegible] have a visit from Mater Roberts, Tucson. [illegible]

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U. H. Everett M. D.
438 W 34th St.
New York City

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Elmira Nov 7 76.

Dear sister Mary,

Mother has kindly offered to keep her letter till this afternoon that I may write a little in it before it goes. Mother wishes to know the price of the wrapper you sent her, that she may pay you for it: please mention in your next letter. Mrs. Mitchell and Mary Jane Jones were here one day last week, and took tea with us. Mrs. M. planted some hyacinths on Cynthia's grave. She was sorry not to have seen you again before you went back. Said she would have tried to come if she had known you were staying so long, — Mary Jane wanted to see you too, but didn't know you were staying long until it was too late. So you see your friends inquire [illegible]

We feel pretty lonely here today, as so many of our folks are gone at [illegible] - shall be glad to see Jer[illegible] home again Saturday night. I wish I could step in to your room and say good morning to you. I take it for granted that you are in, as I believe this is one of your office hours, (most eleven). Thomas Thomas (plasterer) is very low indeed - is hardly expected to live from one day to the other, - they are living at Prospect. Pierce Williams' wife has another little boy, about a week old. T. has gone to the Centennial this week I believe, and a good many others from this town, but we did not go! I am sorry you have wasted your eyesight in looking for us. I believe I would enjoy it full as well to have a quiet visit with you some other time in New York - who knows but it may be? Now, my dear, do not worry about us at home, we are getting along nicely and are feeling pretty well. Hope we shall

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hear from you often, - write just as you feel, even if it is nothing but a "wail". Dont you think we are doing pretty well in the letter line this week - making up for lost time. John Eddie & Maggie have commenced going to Kansas to school. The school opened yesterday. Horace Hedley, of Prospect, is the teacher, - he has the name of being a good teacher, and we hope there will be a good school. Mrs. Jones took tea with us one day last week, - and Evan T. and wife were here to dinner Monday. So you see we have not been without company. We have been expecting Mr. Hughes and family here, but they have not been yet. Love much love to Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Tyndall and all inquiring friends.

from sister Anna.

Remsen Oct. 1, 1877.

Dear Sister Mary,

Mother commenced the date of this as you see, — she does not feel very much like writing and wishes me to take it in hand. We [illegible] from Sarah this morning — Oddie continues very [illegible], though they hope he is improving some. But S. writes us that she has written to you two or three times last week, so you know nearly as much as we do. Friday he sat up ten minutes, but was very tired after it — was quite bright again the next day. Sarah talks of coming home in two or three days, which sounds encouraging, as she would not leave unless he were decidedly better. We expect she will bring Charlie with her. Mother has felt more poorly than usual for nearly two weeks. She has coughed a great deal, — a tight dry cough, wheezy

almost like Asthma, and complaining of oppressed breathing. I have given her Hyos. for a day or two, and we think she coughs less. She has a light feeling across the pit of her stomach, and thinks it is bloated. Feels languid and tired most of the time. She has felt the cold very much, but we have been trying to warm her up, with new flannel wraps and so forth, which makes her more comfortable. I think she feels more natural today, but I would like to know what to give for that light breathless and full feeling across the stomach. She went to church yesterday morning, the first time for two weeks, — she felt no worse after it only tired. I think the anxiety for Cordie has worn on her. I have been feeling unusually well for me the past week, — think I am picking up

effects of Phos. Acid, - which I had taken every night for a week. I have been very glad to be able to help female some while Sarah is away. Did Sarah ever tell you that she has had trouble with her head ever since she was in Hillsdale. She thinks that moving Sister E. in a heated room hurt her, - she cannot bear to be much over the fire now, or in a very warm room and think the pain is mostly in the back of her head. Can you suggest any thing for her? I guess you will think this quite a professional letter. We will be anxious to hear from you again soon, to know what has been done for you in the way of door-tenders, bell &c. Wm has gone to Utica today, as one of the witnesses to Mr Jones' Will, we expect him home tonight. We are to have a S. S. entertainment next

Wednesday – a kind of picnic – as it has got so late, they have decided to have it in the church, set the table in the upper porch. I am afraid Sarah will not be here – wish you were here to take her place. We had some of the children here to sing one day last week to prepare for the picnic. We sent the small tub of butter (not full) to Eddie, and Jennie wishes me to say that she is making another 50 weight tub. She wishes me to ask you how butter is selling now. I will copy a few words from Sarahs letter this morning to Wm. – "I did intend to go home tomorrow, but am most afraid now that I cannot – Eddie did not rest so well last night, and I cannot tell yet how he will be today. His bowels have not moved yet but once, and then only a very little, in nearly two weeks. I think he will take an injection today." She says afterwards. "I think he will go home for a visit when he gets strong enough, and before he is able to go to work." Wouldn't it

be nice if you could come the same time. Lovingly your sister Anna.

Home. Dec 19/82

Dear Sister

I have only time to write a few words — to tell you we are well as usual — are having some pleasant weather for a change, though the roads are very bad. I am feeling better than last week — think this weather agrees with me. I walked to Robbie's Sunday — on the path they keep for the horses cross lots. took tea there. Took a little cold — but otherwise feel better. Evan Prichard and family were here today. Some from us both Ada

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M. H. Everett MD
433 W. 34th St
New York City

August 5 1881.

My dear Sister. —

I just have time for this Postal this morning and thought this would be better than nothing. It is very warm here, — I am afraid the heat is very oppressive with you. How do you stand it? Cousin Mary came up last evening, intending to stay till first of the week. Dr. W. was here yesterday — he thinks S. is gaining, but very slowly. He is afraid she will not be strong enough to go to the Lake and camp out. — but told her that if she gained very fast the next two weeks she might be able to go. I think that project will have to be given up for this summer. She enjoyed the hammock yesterday. I am taking wheat phosphates. Will try to write again soon. Love to Mrs. Jones and yourself — Anna

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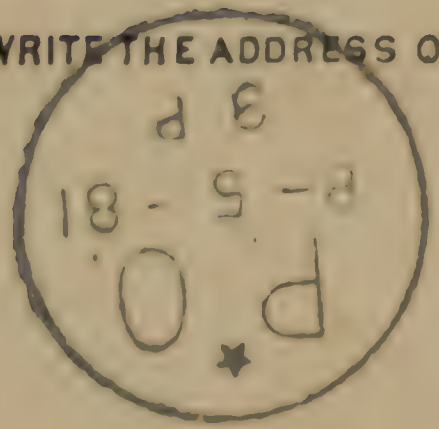

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Mary H. Everett M.D.
483 W. 34th St.
New York

Remsen, Aug 25/81.

My dear Sister — I have only time for a card this evening, before Beth goes to the village. Edward, Jennie, Cousins Mary & Lizzie have gone to Camp meeting, leaving Mate and the boys home with S. & me. Perhaps the rest may go some other day. S. is going in strength, I think she is taking wheat phosphates now instead of Malto — as she had got tired of that. Cousin Chas. and family were here one night this week — and at Jane's two nights — we enjoyed their visit very much. Mrs. Thos. Davis Green Point called this afternoon with her sister Mrs. Jones, of Bethel. Baby has learned to walk. I am much better. Think the W. phosphates help me. We were glad to get your letter — and to hear about your pretty case. Write soon — tell how you are. Anna

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M. H. Everett M. D.
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Remsen, Sept. 4 18[illegible]

My dear Sister, — I am very sorry we have been so negligent in writing to you of late. We have had no letter from you far more than a week and feel anxious about you — how do you stand this very hot weather. It is very oppressive here and I fear it is much worse with you. Do I [illegible] careful not to expose yourself much during the hottest part of the day. Sarah enjoys the warm weather, and gains strength I think, but still coughs a good deal. Edward went away again Tuesday morn. Mate and the boys & cousin Lizzie are here yet. Jane has been quite sick for two or three days — is some better this afternoon. I intended to send you a letter this week — will try to do so soon. We want to hear from you — Mate to [illegible]

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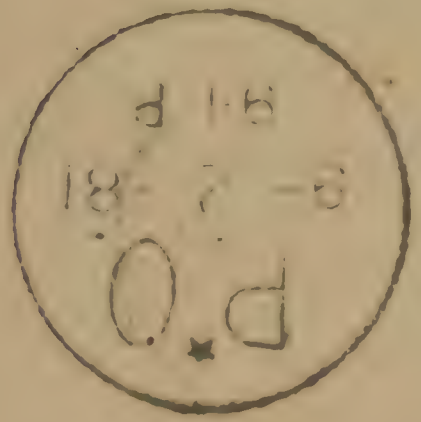

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Mary H. Everett M.D.
433 W. 34th St.
New York City

Sat. morning, Jan 28

My dear Sister, Sarah has been a little better & brighter since I wrote you yesterday though very weak. Dr. Winn was here this morning, he says he does not think she has changed much since he was here before (Tuesday) - he says ~~says~~ she has wonderful vitality. He promised to see her again the first of the week. She had another hard time coughing & raising in the night last night - but did not vomit this time. We got the air pillows all right - and find them very nice and comfortable. The expressage was paid - did you pay it? or Mr. Atkins. We rec'd your second letter last night. J. S. is going to Remsen after dinner, and I write this, lest you may fail to hear by today's mail. R. & L. and baby have gone to Utica today, R. with the horses, and the rest with Jane in the cars. I told the Dr. about your indecision in Utica about coming back - he said he was sorry for your - and had hoped that you could have stayed longer. I think he does not blame you.

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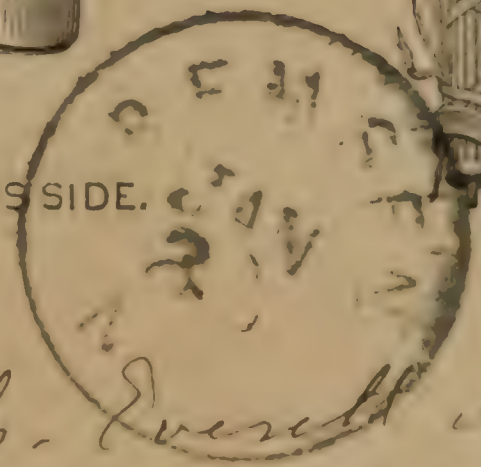

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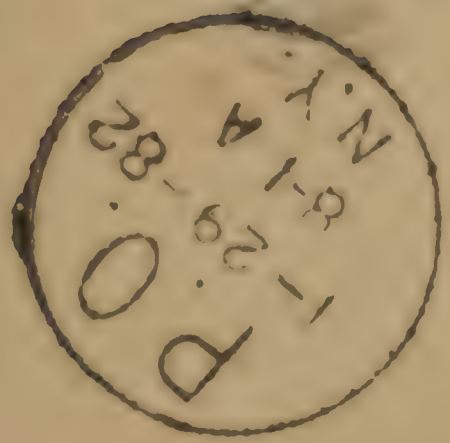
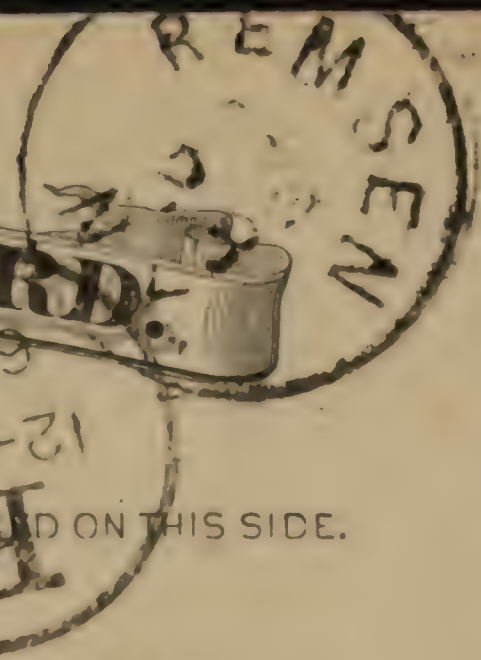


Dec. 28. 1882

Dear Sister,

J. is going to the village, - and we hope to have some word from you, as we have not heard for some days - Monday we received the pretty Ch. cards - for which we are much obliged - that is the last we have had from you - I have had two sleigh rides this week - the first for me - have felt very tired since, but keep up pretty well, considering the fuss we are in - are getting nearly ready now for our new tenants. Dd. G. helped us yesterday - and Caroline was here in the afternoon helping. They cleared the study for a bed room, leaving only the large book case. All

Letter written at R.D.'s



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40 State St. Utica Mar. 10/65

Dear Sister, — Jennie started for Hillsdale at six o'clock last evening — took a drawing room car to Syracuse, where she was to change for a sleeper — she expected to reach Toledo at 10.20 this morning — and promised to send me a postal from there — she took a card also to send one to you either from there or on reaching Hillsdale — It is now 10 o'clock — so she is probably nearing Toledo. She seemed anxious to go, and started very comfortably. I got her tickets and saw her baggage — everything planned and arranged for her, so she need have no anxiety. I will write you when I hear from her, and you will probably hear as soon as I — A. L.

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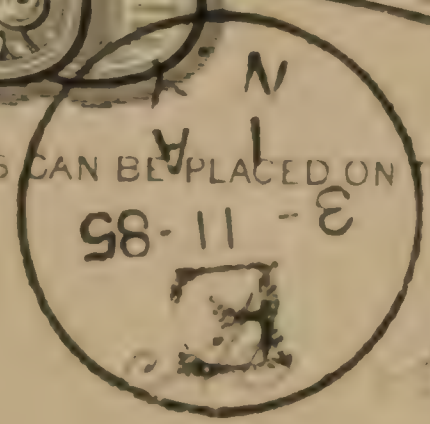

H. Everett M. D.
230 W. 33rd St.
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Utica, April 6, 1882.

My dear sister,

Your good letter came this morning. I was very glad to get it, and will send it on home for the rest to read. Jennie & J. E. went home Friday — as I had sent for some flower seeds &c for me and Cousin M. which had not been received, it was thought best for me to stay two or three days longer, till they should have come. Jennie wrote me Saturday, that the road from our house to the church was impassable with a horse as the snow was soft and deep — she had to walk from there, and advised me to stay here till there will be an improvement in the roads — so I am here yet.

We all three took sea at Mrs. George (who was Mrs. Thompkins) Thursday — had a sing

Bessie is here yet — I asked her what I should say to you, and she said "Tell her I am here yet" I believe we wrote you that the other little girls have the scarlet fever — and she will probably stay till they get well. They are improving but do not get on very fast.

It is colder here today, and may freeze sufficiently to harden the roads up there, but I will not go till I hear from them. Has Jennie sent you from home? I was glad to hear that your term has closed, as you must ~~have~~ be pretty tired, and glad of a little rest. There is so much snow &c — that I do not think you need to hurry home — but come when you get ready. Hope you will all be over your colds soon. I do not know as I have much to write, but send this as a quieter, that is from worrying and wondering about us, not from letter writing. Give love to Mrs. J. & Lizzie

Remsen Oct 3 [illegible]

My dear Sister

I cannot write much this A.M. G. is waiting for the rain to hold up a little before starting to the village — so that gives me a little time to write. We rec'd a postal from you two or three days ago. Very glad you are so comfortable with Mrs. Jardine. It must seem quite natural to be with her again. Cousin M. and Bessie are still here. They intended to go home today, but have [illegible] to stay till Monday as it rains

this morning. We will be very glad of their company. We all took the horse and went to Jones yesterday. Also rode as far as Charlie Williams — to get a ½ dozen cabbages which he had got for us in Utica the day before. They are nice ones, one paid 8 cents a piece. Franklin stays home from school today. The little girls enjoy each others company very much. We have had a nice lot of mushrooms this week. Maggie has been home — came home Monday and returned yesterday. We got there just in time to talk a few minutes, and — good by,

She looks well and happy, of course. Nain went with her — to stay a while — and return to Jane's for the winter. Chidlaw Evans was married last evening to a Miss Jones of So. Trenton. Mrs. Jones, (Sim's mother) died this week.

Save to you & Mrs J.
A L E.

Princeton Feb [illegible]

Dear Auntie [illegible]

I received your [illegible] letter [illegible] and was much relieved to hear that you are a little better and able to sleep [illegible] nights. I wish so much that [illegible] share the care with you. I feel very anxious about you and hope you will take the best care of yourself you can under the circumstances. Do you think it would be any better for me to [illegible] all together [illegible] for you. [illegible] wish [illegible] that [illegible] would [illegible] instead of [illegible] the [illegible]. If it comes [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] her in private

hands? I have a great dread of having her put where she must mingle with others in the same sad condition. Are the private institutions any better than the ones in this [illegible]? I hope you may hear from cousin Mary Ann again, what she learns in regard to them? How could a private nurse be had, and at what expense? I am making these suggestions, as you know I have felt strongly on this point all along. Still I want you and our two brothers to do what you think best. You can judge better than I, and I know she is just as near and dear to you as to me.
I hope [illegible] may be guided to a right course of action. Let me know what you hear from New York and Middletown also if you hear again from cousin Mary Ann. I have decided that it will be best for me to remain at home this winter, as I should be

so late coming back in the spring,
and things will not come [illegible] I
should hardly feel safe to be away so
long. But I am sure after I
have talked with Mamma she will
[illegible] you [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
her winter clothing, and it was
time for her to send for it. I know
was it the all winter I am [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and think [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
was [illegible] a good deal [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
me. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

Do you think it would do to try to
get a woman to take care of him in
a family without children — [illegible]
[illegible] be [illegible]
[illegible] that she was kindly treated
[illegible] and sympathetic [illegible]

Mary St. [illegible]

Mary.

Salisbury, March 27. 1858

Dear Father & Mother;

We received the letter with the sixteen dollars in it yesterday. I am very much obliged to you for sending it. I begin to feel quite rich. I have not spent any of it yet, but expects I shall send one for it soon. We had a letter from Mary and Di a few days ago, they seemed in very good spirits, and happy. Mrs Butter was not very well, he had a hard cold. Sarah says in her letter that Pa and Mra both of them have had colds. I hope you are better by

and even talk about buying a gold watch

this time. Ma, does that cough trouble you all the time? I am glad Ellen Roberts is going to be with you this summer. She is a good girl, and I hope you will have time to rest, and write letters. How I should love to see that little new nephew. Have they found a name for him yet? Who does he look like? The weather has been quite pleasant all this week. Today it is quite windy, and the dust is blowing around at a great rate; so it is not very pleasant walking. As I was walking out a day or two ago, I noticed some gooseberry bushes beginning to look quite green. I think we shall have ripe currants and berries before you will at home. They say that there are some flowers in the groves (they do not say woods here) already, but as they are so far from here we have

not seen any yet. We have the promise of a ride out into the woods when the flowers are in bloom. I anticipate a great deal of pleasure then.

The meetings here are quite interesting. Daily prayer-meetings are held in several of the churches at different hours of the day. At our church, it is in the evening: they are usually pretty fully attended. Mr. Tyler our minister, is not a very strong man, and he has not been able to attend all the meetings. He was present last evening, also Mrs. Blanchard was there and we had a very good meeting. Some have recently trusted in the Saviour, and others are inquiring. Pray for us, dear parents, that we may receive a blessing, and that we may be faithful.

Our music class, (all those who take lessons of Miss Swetland, my teacher)

meet together every Saturday morning, to recite lessons in the theory of music; and each one has some piece learned which she is to play at this time before the others, and the class is allowed to criticize. This is very pleasant, and, I think, improving. We gain confidence in ourselves, though your poor Anna has not much of that article yet. I often wish I had more confidence.

Anna has left this for me to close. This is not such an easy matter for me just now as it might be.

We have seen much this spring such as we never saw before. It is now fast drying. Winds sweep strongly over these prairies and soon is quickly changed to clouds of dust.

I find myself very much occupied with various duties, especially since the meetings have begun. Pray that grace may be given me to do all aright. With much love from Anna & Jennie.

[illegible]

Dear [illegible]:

Your [illegible] letter is just received and I hasten to prepare an answer to send you at [illegible]. [illegible] being [illegible] last [illegible], but it [illegible] before you start. The [illegible] battles [illegible] it [illegible] and [illegible] attempt to [illegible] particularly [illegible].

[illegible] things [illegible] to [illegible]. [illegible] began to fall which [illegible] to hail [illegible] inches in diameter, [illegible] till [illegible] the destruction [illegible] lights and in ten minutes about 14 [illegible]

(25' by 18' and 25' by 1') [illegible] broken. All is quiet
and if the buildings did not lie battered and
the grass we might think we had been dreaming.
[illegible] the [illegible] admiring the [illegible]
[illegible] nature [illegible] fell upon [illegible]
[illegible] building [illegible]
[illegible] from the Sem. Nothing was injured
there that protected all the windows [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] reminded of our loss.
The [illegible] again began to threaten, [illegible]
[illegible] of blackness stratified by thin lines of light [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]. At about 4 [illegible] M.
the [illegible] suddenly [illegible] now follows a [illegible]
which [illegible] it is as if the water
[illegible] "had [illegible]
[illegible] firmament" [illegible]
[illegible] all fell to the earth. [illegible]
[illegible] before the [illegible]
[illegible] that [illegible] nothing else, [illegible]
[illegible] not we feel that [illegible]
[illegible] "even the [illegible]
[illegible] would die within us.

[illegible]

[illegible]

The religious interest still continues in a great degree. It has brought a great change in our midst, but great faith and entreaties to the [illegible]. Pray for my father dear, that nothing may be possible [illegible] to guide them regarding their weight, and to be faithful in all my intercourse with them.

I am very sorry for John. Could I send [illegible] him a letter, [illegible] know there is nearly [illegible] are still at Hudson, Rev. [illegible] Williams, [illegible] is well acquainted with Prof. Seymour, Hudson and if he would call with you upon him I think you might get it all and I should like to [illegible] you [illegible] about it and if it can be had send it to John.

Let the Summer vacation keep [illegible] the friends, then [illegible] come out to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I have [illegible] who turns you there [illegible]

[illegible] possible [illegible] should [illegible]

the privilege to see them — but we will

take [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] nothing is yet about the

prospects of [illegible] for me, the [illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] waiting [illegible]

[illegible] thinks, [illegible] the whole, that if

we should decide [illegible] another

year it would be foolish for us to go home,

[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible], especially as [illegible]

[illegible] changes, I think [illegible]

[illegible] for you and [illegible]

little more for father.

[illegible] a letter [illegible]

[illegible] Cincinnati. Perhaps Anna will

write some then. [illegible] keep you, dear

mother, and give you a prosperous journey. Give

my best love to all. [illegible] family if you [illegible]

[illegible] with [illegible] Your daughter [illegible].

Utica, Nov. 8. 1866.

Dear Father & Mother, –

We called at Mr. Merrell's yesterday on our way up from the depot; and he said he had just sent the Hymn Books, in the morning, and had written you a letter, which you probably got last night. About the gilt edged ones, he would like you to send some more forms, as he has none on hand but some that he has prepared for the plain binding, about 150, I think he said. He said if you would send down right away, he would try and get about a hundred ready in three

or four weeks. (I dont know but he said two or three weeks.) He is pretty busy just now.

We came down very safely and comfortably. Cousin Mary took some cold, but I was dressed so warm that I did not hardly feel the cold. I am feeling very well today, rested well last night though I was very tired when I went to bed. Thomas has not got home yet, so you see we are alone here. At the depot yesterday we met Mr. J. Powell. He looks quite well, and seemed glad to see me. He wanted to know whether we had had sleighing up in Steuben yet. We met Mrs. Howells on our way up, she inquired for Father & Mother and all the folks, and asked me to call on her before I go home. Cousin Mary forgot to look in Jennie's receipt book for the receipt for preserving citron. Will Jennie or Sis please look it up and copy it for her. I wish I knew how you all feel this

morning. I hope Mary is getting rested.
Cousin Mary just spoke of her, we are
hoping to have her here next week. I hope
she will be able to come. I think she
would enjoy it very much, especially if
we have such pleasant weather as it
is today. We are going out a little while

this morning, so I must close my letter
I have not made any purchases yet ~~and~~
and so dont know how far my money
will go. Perhaps I shall be sorry that
I refused those five dollars you offered me.
I have not seen Uncle yet. Mary bought a couple
of chickens yesterday, coming home from the depot,
so we had a nice warm supper. Good bye.
much love to all. from your Anna.

with it for supper — and he said — my birthday isn't every day! Anna thought we had better have all the week birthday! — We had letters from Hillsdale Tuesday evening — they are well and much pleased that you are with John, and Anna — Tell us some thing about them. Are you getting acquainted? Do you Mend church with them? Have the students seats, or are all the seats free? Have you been to any of the students prayer meeting? How often do they hold, that you for answering those questions about — Oh — the hymn book! Please write often. We had a card last night — from Mary — she had heard twice from you. Have you written to your father? Do not neglect him. Much love from all and especially from two aunts A. L. Y.

Quincy April 18

My dear Alphen,

Your good letters are very welcome and must not be left long unanswered, because we want to hear often and let you also hear often from us. This will make the time of your absence pass more pleasantly and swiftly. We are very glad you are so well pleased with your surroundings and are taking hold so well in school. We had a card from Johny the day before your last letter came and he thinks you will do nicely and be able to keep up with the rest tho' they have got the start. We cannot help being anxious, as this is your first time to be really away from home — our great comfort is to know that you have chosen God for your guide and he will keep you. It is good for us to

Love to John and Azia. I must write to them soon. Now I am trying to complete that little notice for the Cuthadu. Do you see any Utica papers?

remember that he always sees us.

Thursday morning - I left this to go to bed and now perhaps I may finish it. We had a letter from Libbie a day or two ago. She wrote that Robbie ~~has been~~ was quite poorly again ~~with~~ He has jaundice. Mary Ann was able to sit up two or three times a day - Libbie and her mother helping her to walk from the bed to the chair. Will has gone to his place. He is getting strong once more. They intended to move as soon as Mary Ann is well enough because they will have a better place there for the milk. They enjoyed seeing you and we are not sorry that you went home even if it did make you have to go through Syracuse. Carroll and Charlie are to speak in the school building at the closing exercises there today. Carroll has part with three other boys, in speaking a dialogue. Robert is gaining every day and growing more cunning. He has a carriage now - from Tom Lewis'.

Edward saw that John Jones' shop in Kenmore had been entered one night and about $20. of tools stolen. Dr Gray is getting well.

They can have it for $5. and probably will keep it. Robert has had a ride in it in the house but not out yet. The side walks are dry and it is pleasant walking - we go nearly every day. We are glad you are taking morning walks. It is healthy for you to rise early if only you go to bed early enough to make up. You are like me in requiring a good deal of sleep. Do not neglect to take all that you want, it will be easier for you to study and your health will be better. Do you have a regular hour for retiring and what is it? - Let us know when you need more money. It is perhaps best not to have a great deal at a time in your purse or it will go faster than you think. I would rather you would not get into the habit of borrowing - George Prichard did so I believe and it was a source of trouble. Keep out of debt, and your heart will be light. We do not quite understand about your boarding club - how many are there of you? You

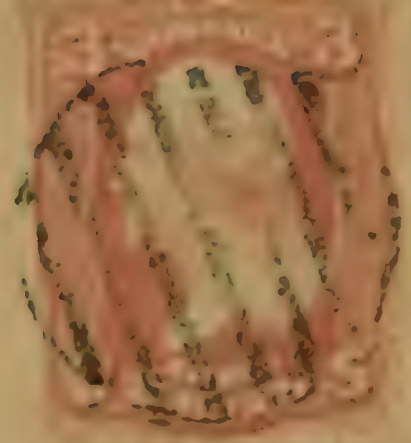
write that your roommate paid for the first lot of provisions and you for the second — provisions for how many? Does one woman cook for the whole club or only for you two? and what do you pay her. Will you be expected to pay, or have what was eaten before you reached there: How do you manage about washing? — Do you have any kind of meat besides pork and ham? Do you have milk, as much as you want? What kind of pies, sauce, puddings &c.? Have you had any maple sugar and syrup since you went. We have, pretty often and jack wax and ice cream — and we would like to give you a share only you are so far away. The boys' school closes today. We are happy here, but our thoughts go more often southward as the spring advances. Maggie went home last week — Last Monday was your uncle Edward's birthday and we made ice cream for supper. We made some again yesterday because the snow is going fast and we wanted to improve our opportunity. We surprised Edward

[illegible]

~~[illegible]~~ weather so far. I hope [illegible]
will have a good [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] the children [illegible]
tonight about ten o'clock. [illegible]
Butler and I get along [illegible]
[illegible] well, [illegible]
[illegible] drink
good deal. I [illegible]
[illegible] good deal better than I
expected to. [illegible] two or
three days I have felt [illegible]
of my journey more I think [illegible]
[illegible] at first [illegible]
cold and [illegible]
better of St Cadoux. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] I am so that you may not
[illegible] We will try not [illegible]
you [illegible] if either of us are sick.
[illegible] afternoon I had [illegible]
[illegible] full of [illegible]
[illegible] little [illegible]
[illegible] from the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] They are
[illegible] sisters [illegible]
[illegible] here, and keeping [illegible]
I have to [illegible] them yet, but the
[illegible] they [illegible]
[illegible] all [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] are ripe. We
[illegible] since [illegible]
[illegible] here. They have very few apples
here this year. They are beginning to
get ripe. I [illegible] spoke [illegible]
of his letter about going out on the
lake, but I guess he will hardly
go now as he will probably spend

all the time he can spare
from visiting at the mountains,
I wish baby was here now, so
that he would walk out with
me. Who does he have for com-
pany to walk with now? Tell
him that I want any one, but
I expect to have when Mr. Hill
comes home. I was glad to hear
by Mary's letter that you [illegible]
[illegible] you looked so [illegible]
when we came away. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] now. I suppose, and getting
to be busy times in the [illegible]
I hope you will be able to get
along nicely without us. Don't work
too hard. Rather let some one who is
younger do it. Give my best respects
to [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] who take the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]



Rev. R. Everett, D.D.
Remsen,
N.Y.

[The Wednesday before Christmas

Wednesday Dec. 23, 1857

My dear Sister Sarah:

The twenty second of December has come at last, and I now hasten to fulfill my promise. I suppose you have got your letter written before this, for it is now evening, and I guess that you had time to write yours in the day time did you not? I suppose you would like to know where my recitations come; well, to begin with, my first one, which is Arethmetic, for I must tell you that I am studying Arithmetic instead of Algebra is at nine, Astronomy at one, and Physiology at three. Our Astronomy class is rather small; there are only seven in it; still it is very interesting; if you have ever studied it you can perhaps, imagine, how well I like it. Today has been the day for us to hand in our first compositions for this term; I had mine all written, but forgot to take it down, and so I shall have to carry it down tomorrow; you see it is not very easy for me to get off from that, any way. I have two room mates,

one of them, Harriette Brown, was here last term and the other was here last winter term: her name is Julia Sholes. I think likely Hence knows them both. Our room is on the front side, it is one of the small rooms. "Quite a small room for three", I suppose you think, but you must remember that I am only a day scholar. We have not had much winter weather here yet; have not had much sleighing. It is very cold today however, but there is no telling how long it will remain so. I wonder how it is up there. Have you had good sleighing yet? Is Ellen Abbot at our house now? if she is, give my love to her. Jane has not been here but once since she came to Utica, and then she did not stay but a little while, and I did not have time to hardly say hardly anything that I wanted to, although I talked away as fast as I could, all the while. I wonder if Sis and Eddy go to school yet. Tell Cynthia to be sure and remember the Wednesday afternoon lessons. I tell you, Sarah, it has been pretty hard work for me to wait untill today before writing home. Why, only think, it has been over two weeks since I came from home, and I have not written, or

had a letter from there yet. Now I suppose it hasn't seemed long to you, but it has to me. I assure you. — Are you going to have some molasses candy Christmas eve? if you do please eat a little for me will you? just a little you know, only about as much as I would eat if I was there; tell Caddy he may help you, if you cant do it yourself. I wonder what has become of those Christmas shoes. Are they finished yet? — We are not going to have any school here the Friday afternoon before New Years, nor the Monday forenoon after, so that those who choose to go home can do so. There are, I believe, upwards of seventy ladies here this term. I dont know exactly how many; and I guess there are as many gentlemen.

How is Mary's health now? I wish she could come down here just to see us, if she could not stay any. Tell her that Ellen Joyner is here this term; I believe she used to know her. — Sarah, how much can you walk now? have you improved any since I came from home and how did you stand your ride home from the village? — I received those things that were sent me from home yesterday. I am very much obliged to you, home folks, for thinking of me in such good season.

I was very glad to get them. — If I get a letter from you Friday I think I shall answer it soon; you see if you dont get another letter before you write one;

You must excuse all the nonsense that you will find in

Miss Sarah A. Everett.
Remsen, Ill. Co.
N. Y.

this, for you know, I never write any thing else; and I have written this in a considerable of a hurry, as I had but much time to spend over it. I havn't any envelopes, and so I shall have to make use of this sheet as one at present. Give my love to all the folks and dont forget your Sister Anna.

Saturday, June 26, 1852

My dear Sarah:

I come with the same old story to tell you, that is, "I have been reading proof." It is two weeks now since we have heard from you, and we are now looking for another letter Margaret wrote to you this week, which letter I suppose you have received before this; we are anxious to hear again, for fear you are not as well as you have been, but we console ourselves by hoping that we shall hear soon. — Eddy and I went to Whitesboro a week ago today after Henry, and came back Monday; we had a very pleasant time of it. Elizabeth talks of coming home before long, with Johnny and Sissie. Oh, Sarah, I wish you could see little Sissie, she is so pretty! she got so that she would come to me by Saturday afternoon, but she wouldn't stay long; and Johnny too, he talks quite plain now. — We went to Uncle Henry's to supper Monday afternoon, and reached home that night after eleven o'clock. —

Sarah C. sends this boquet of strawberries, and flowers, she says instead of writing; she would write you a note but she doesn't feel just like it now. Have you had any strawberries this summer before? I suppose of course you have, but it seems so funny to have pressed strawberries. I never saw any before, and I believe she never did either, but she thought she would try and see what she could do; I think she made out pretty well, don't you? The flowers, (I think) as you will see, are wild geranium and a strawberry flower. I shouldn't wonder if you would have to put them in a book under your bed post, to press a little more, you can see if they are dry. Sarah says that I ought to have mentioned that John picked them. — Oh Sarah, those "everlasting shoes", (as Lewis used to call them) are finished! at last: and are gone to the shoe maker's. I wonder how yours come on; I suppose they are most done by this time are they not? — Sarah, what shall I say next? I have got entirely out of topics, and what shall I do? I am sure I can't think of any thing else to say, and if you can I wish you would just tell me the next time you write. — It is four weeks since we have heard from the girls, excepting that Robert had a letter from them the day we were in Utica; he said they were well.

Monday. — Mother is writing to you now, and she wants me to finish this up so as to send it with hers. We are going to the village to hear the Rev. Mr. Fowler, of Utica preach this evening and will take this with us. Your sister Anna.

1852

Friday, October 1952

My dear Sister Sarah,

Henry brought his letter to fame up here yesterday afternoon that I might write a little to put in it, but I could not find time to do so until now. I hope you will forgive me for my negligence in writing to the Times. I have not written but three letters before this and I have received one and four notes. I have not been to the last Office for a good while now, because I did not expect to get anything; I suppose I have left it too long without calling, but I shall try to go oftener after this. — I see Henry has spoken about my coming here next term; what do you think of it? I should like to come if Father and Mother think it best. Henry thinks Mary is not going to Hadley this year, but if she intends to go I will of course stay home with you: she must not let my desire for coming here hinder her, for I do not wish to come, if she is going — I should like to go home tomorrow and stay till Monday, very much if it could be so, but it cannot at present

Tell Sarah Maria that I got my fingers real black writing this, but I am very sorry. - Ann.

Only three weeks more, (or perhaps a few days more), and then, Oh then, I shall be at home; ask Mary if I may come when the term closes. Tell Mary that Mary Forsline is going home today, she expects her folks after her.

Elizabeth is pretty well now; Sissy walks all over; she never pretends to creep now, but walks all around the room; she scalded her foot about four weeks ago, and it has been very sore; but is getting better now. Johnny and the rest are pretty well. — I wonder how much you can walk now, do you walk any every day, and can you walk any more than you ~~could~~ could when I was at home? I hope you will be able to walk ~~much~~ a considerable, ~~at~~ when I go home.

We have had some pretty cold weather here this week, but it is quite mild today. — I have just been to see Mary start; it will be lonely enough now she has gone. I must write a word to Cynthia & send it in there.

Dear sister Cynthia — I thought you told me that you were going to write to me, when you was down; I thank you for that little note you sent with Henry, but I am not quite satisfied [illegible]; I wish you would write me a letter, and I will answer it. I am much obliged to you and Sarah for that little needlebook you sent me, it is a very pretty one, and quite cunningly ~~[illegible]~~ made. I wish you could come down here once more this term to see me; I want to see you very much. I have not written to Cousin Elizabeth [illegible] I did not know that she was going [illegible]. I received Henry's note, I wonder if Aunt Margaret got Mother's likeness before she went; she did not get the one I have any way, that's so, however I hope she got some one. Have you been down to visit Sarah and Margaret lately? your sister Ann

Saturday night. Oct 30. 1858

Dearest Sarah.—

I sit down to write, hardly knowing what to say. I am not in the mood for writing, but will try and see what I can do. I suppose you will think that is not much, but we will see. Perhaps your little grand sister can do more than you think. Nellie is sitting by me, writing to you, and Robbie is writing in Jane's room. I guess you will have quite a family letter. I wish you could hear Robbie talking as he writes. He has a great deal to say about his dear Aunties in Saratoga. He thinks a

great deal about that little horse you have bought for him. He says, "Aunty Sayah coming home, bring Obbie a lickle horse."

O, Sarah, I wish you and Jennie were here tonight. I could talk a great deal easier and better than I can write. But I hope you are happy where you are, and we try not to be very lonely. We are so glad that you both are getting better. It will be such a blessing if Jennie's ears get well. We were very glad to hear that her hearing is already improving. I suppose you will come home in a short time well, and most as strong as one. But I am not ready to give up to you yet. We have been having the most beautifullest weather for the last two or three weeks, that you ever did see; clear, warm days, and cold, moonlight evenings. Now, the clouds have gathered once more, the rain falls,

and — we have caught enough water for washing. It has been showering all day today and towards evening we had a little thunder. Pa has just come in, and says it is clearing off. Perhaps we shall have pleasant weather for the Sabbath, after all.

Father is going to Deerfield tomorrow, and Mr. Evans, from Trenton, is to be here.

I cannot say that Mattie's knee is much better. I am afraid she uses it too much. She is quite lame yet. We must try and get her to keep more quiet next week. —

We received your good letter yesterday. Thank you for being so prompt. We have been sewing Confederates today. Have got nearly half of them sewed. You need not fear but what you are missed at this time. We have thought of you both ever so many times today, and wished you could be here to help. Good bye now, I am tired and must stop. Anna

Rome, [illegible] Oct. 7.

Dear [illegible] 190

I think I [illegible]

[illegible] a letter, as I am [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible] pretty [illegible]

[illegible] it will be [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] I am sitting in my [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] in the [illegible], with [illegible]

[illegible] at my back and [illegible] for

my [illegible] do you [illegible] if I [illegible] I am

comfortable. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] for [illegible] while [illegible]

If this pleasant [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] good opportunity for [illegible]

and I think she will enjoy it [illegible]

afternoon while [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible], [illegible] and I [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I will accept. Tell Mary that Mrs Prichard's mother and sister, also Mrs Mackenzie started West in the 10.40 train last evening. Mary went with Mrs Pr folks to see them off. We were glad to get Jennie's letter last evening, with the one from E. and to know that Mary reached home all right. The friends about her inquire for her, when I see them. Last evening, Mrs D. Prichard and wife called here, also Libbie Evans. Libbie sent me some more grapes a day or two ago. She has been very kind to me since I have been here.

Jan. 13. It is almost a week since I wrote the above, but I have been so busy getting tired and resting, ever since that I have not found opportunity to finish my letter. Tuesday we went waiting at the house of the "nightingale" Eva Van Tuerck. His daughter Sarah came after us in

the morning with a horse and carriage and brought us home ago is at night. We had a very pleasant time, and a promise of another ride. Mary has probably told you about our visit at Richard Jones and ride to Mr. Stryker's fish pond. I guess Kaffie would enjoy seeing that. I would like to describe it to you if I could, but think I have better leave that to Mary. Mary's visit here last Saturday was quite unexpected but none the less welcome. I suppose she is at home again now. We shall be anxious to know what she hears from Mrs. Lozier. How does that wee bit of a new niece get along? she is three weeks old today — does she grow any? Do you know that I want to see her about as much as any of you? I have a little lock of her hair which I prize very much. Katie Griffith called him a little

[illegible]

Remsen Nov 10/76.

Dear Sarah & Wm.

As Mother has been writing to Elizabeth, I will try to write a few words to you to send at the same time. Since you went away I have been busy writing the contents for the next No. I have not finished it yet. Mother and Mary Jane made soap day before yesterday. Yesterday M. J. churned, or rather the dog did, and she made the butter, had good luck, I believe. We went to church meeting in the afternoon yesterday. They were there from Glya. Said they expected to see you in the village the day before, but were too late. Mr. Hughes expressed regret for not having been able to come here this week. Your

Mollie"? said she did not care much to see you start off. — she would much rather see you come home. Richard has taken the corn to the mill this morning — has not returned yet. They made a "Bee" to get it shelled last evening — members of the Bee were Richard, M. Jane, J. Eddie, Mr. D., & Stephen, — they had quite a merry time, and after they finished, we had a sing, which all seemed to enjoy. We had a sing the evening before also, — so you see we have done the best we could to keep from being lonely, — though we can not keep away all sad feelings. The house looks pretty snuggly, especially your bedroom. Mary Jane has slept there since you went away, to keep us company, but she says, "Tell them they can have the room when they come home." She is putting clean papers on the pantry

shelves now. Thomas Thomas is to be buried today — funeral in our church at one o'clock. We hope to have a Postal from you tomorrow night. I wonder if you will reach Hillsdale to day. Wish I could be there with you. Tell Harriet that I shall try and write to her before long. Mother says she does not feel so lonely when she is writing, so you may expect letters from her pretty often. She wrote to Mary night before last, and a few words to Jennie this morning. Excuse this scribble, and answer soon, soon.

Your sister Anna.

N. Y. City. Feb 26/77.

Dear Sarah and William.

Mary has gone to Mrs. Knapp's and left me home to write to you. I hardly know how to begin, as you are such awful critics. I must get every sentence in its proper shape and place or you will make it mean something else.

Wednesday, 28. I was interrupted when I had got so far, and perhaps it was well for you that I did not write any more then, — I must try and finish it to send today someway, and perhaps you can make it intelligible, as you seem to be good at that. Mary has an errand to go on the Elevated Railway this afternoon, and as I have never been on it, think I will go with her for a ride. so I can not take much time with

my letter. We received Mother, and Jennie's letter yesterday morning, with the $5. Tell Mother we are much obliged for it, — we had beef steak for dinner yesterday and today — can broil it nicely over the grate fire. I have my cloak finished at last. Mary worked on it all day Saturday, and I helped her what I could. I was obliged to get braid for trimming which cost me $1.47. It looks quite pretty, and is comfortable. We took tea at Mrs. Jones yesterday, and went with her in the evening to a literary and musical entertainment in their church on 4th avenue. Tell John Eddie that I have bought 2 dozen more pencils for 2 cents a dozen — does he want any more sent to him — those I did send were 12 cents bought at a different place. The slate pencils I sent were five for a cent. Does he want me

to get any kind of slate pencils? There are others, larger, sharpened at one end, two for a cent. Do you want us to get you some silk floss, red colored? If so, please send a sample of what you want, or what you don't want, and we will try to get some to suit you. We men weighed today. 129 and 99½ – you may guess which was which – soon after we came down the numbers were 128 and 17, so you see we have been improving the time as well as possible. Have you heard again from Morris Roberts? Has he been able to return to Kansas?

Love from us both

Anna & Mary

The flowers from home were beautiful.

Thursday Oct. 14, 1851

Dear sisters.

Your letter reached here last Thursday evening: It was just the thing we wanted, we were very glad to hear that you arrived there safe, and that you were so well pleased with the teachers. I also had a letter from Sarah the same day: She thinks she is gaining a little faster now than she has at all since she went there, I wrote to her this morning. Mott came home last Tuesday evening and left Cynthia at Whitesboro. Mothers health is pretty good now. It seems almost too bad for them to keep sis at Whitesboro much longer as it leaves me the only "daughter at home" as well as the oldest, and that I dont like at all. Tomorrow will be the day for me to meet you up on Starshill, I forgot to look for you last Wednesday but I do not think it would have done any good if I had looked, for I don't believe you would come so near home without coming to see us, would you? Now if you should ever happen so near, I we should be pleased to have you give us a call. Yesterday it was very wet and rainy and it is quite cold today, we have had some rain today. We sewed the Detholydd last Saturday. We had some pancakes for dinner today and we are going to have some I don't know what to supper. Davis and Margaret came home from New York last Saturday night. They were quite well, some tired. Ma is making some new pants for Eddy out of an old pair of some

body elses. Last Sabbath was the sunday for our meeting in the evening. There were not a great many there on account of its being so raing. Jane ~~sp~~ told us in her letter ~~at~~ that she would like to have us learn all we could about Christ. I think it is a pretty long lesson if we should learn all there is ~~the~~ to be learnt about Him. I have not looked at the lesson yet but perhaps I shall ~~before more~~ before I write again. I think as you said it would do us good and it would be a good exercise, and I shall endeavour to do it. I wanted to know whether Eddy had anything to say to the girls, and he says he has told Sarah all he had to say and so he hasn't anything to tell you. Mary Jones sends her love to you. Josiah says he expect a letter from both of you. He says you have both of you made promises that you have not fulfilled. There, I have got a better pen now, I can write better ~~now~~ Father has gone to Nintyeix to a meeting that they have there tomorrow on opening the new meeting house; quite unpleasant weather for their meetings. Rev. Morris Roberts is at New York yet, Mr. Baxter supplies his place. I believe I have told you about all the news now and so I guess I will stop. We all join in love to you. Excuse all imperfections.

Your affectionate sister, Anna.

Dear Daughter

I am very glad that Ma has taken in hand to write to you it will do her good to us good and do you good, she wrote a letter to Sarah yesterday morning and wrote a piece in it for Eddy he was much pleased and animated Sarah had written to him in Anna's letter I have not heard from Whitesboro since I left Elizabeth was gaining very slowly she did not sit up much ~~when~~ but was gaining more the last two or three days I would have staid longer but I felt anxious about home, they got along very well Mary Jones felt quite weak but she is better now to day we washed as it was wet monday

and as ha was starting to ninety six yesterday
after noon I put off my washing untill to day
it is cold and showery to day not very good
for drying the clothes, I have comenced
making soap this week I boiled what I
had in the cellar that is the ley and
soap grease, and will put the strong ley
in gradualy as it runs from the leach
it seems very lonsome here when so
many of you are gone, only three of
the children at home We hope to have a
letter from you soon with some more
account how you are getting along, and if
your health is good I was sorry to find that
Mary did not have the red flannel with
her you my endeavours to get what thing
you are short of and be well protected
from the cold, health is very precious
specially when from home with
love to you both your Aff Mother & Everett

Alton, Me, Jan. 10, 1853. —

Dear Sister:

I believe I did commence writing you a letter tonight, and as I shall not have time to finish it ~~tonight~~ now, I will write a little now and then as I get time. I received Sis' letter this afternoon, and, really, I dont think I should have sent it back if she had not paid the postage. I suppose she has received mine before this; has she not? She did not mention a word about your health; I had expected to hear something from you when I got her letter, but I believe she did not mention your name at all, and so I judge from that that you are recovering from your last sickness; are you not, ~~only~~ my sister? at least I shall try to think so until I hear again. I guess Father and Mother had a pretty cold ride that day that they went home. I expected that they would call at the Sem. a few minutes on their way home, but I saw them pass without calling; and I saw them stop at Mr Ellis' and Pa went to the Post Office, while Ma went in to the house; ask Ma if that was not so. Father left me some money to pay my tuition, when he was here: I do not think I shall need it, as I had over six dollars before. Well Pa, if he thinks I had better send it back, I will do so, but I guess I shall keep it until I hear again. Mother said that you had commenced

writing me a letter before she come down here; I have not seen any thing of it yet, but I expect it will come along one of these days: may I not expect it?

Sarah, five weeks of the term have already gone by, and I believe that five and nine makes fourteen, according to my arithmetic; does it not? if that is the case, then in nine weeks more, I shall hope to see you again, only think, just three times three, that's all. —— Robert was up here two or three days ago; he said that Jane had got a situation to teach, and was to commence today; so I suppose she has had one day's experience in teaching. I suppose you will have heard from her before this reaches you, but I thought I would just mention it for fear you have not heard. — When I wrote to you before, I believe I had but three studies; I have taken up Grammar, I recite in it at two. I thought I could take one more study; it does not take much of my time, except the hour I recite. Jane advised me to go in to Grammar, because she thought it would do me good to exercise in parsing, and I should not have to spend so much time with as I should with a new study. Good night, now, Sarah, I must leave you, as it is getting late.

Tues. eve. Here I am again, Sarah; I thought I must write a few lines, to let you know that I am still thinking of you; my thoughts are with you, now, dear sister; I suppose you do not perceive them, but they are certainly there; I don't know as I ought to have sent them up there in the evening, because I know you never like to see company in the evening; but I do not think they will disturb you much, at least I hope not.

Could I but accompany [illegible] Sarah's room, I think I should there be satisfied. — Robert was up here for about three minutes this evening; he came for some apples; he walked up and went down in the cars. He says he ~~thinks~~ thinks fame will like her school, but she can't tell yet, as she has not taught but two days. — How do you like it in your own room? Is it as warm as the parlor? Do Mary and Cy thin sleep in your room, or does one of them sleep up stairs, or how do they manage? In what part of the room is your bed, and do you lie with your head to the north or some other way? I want you to tell me all about it so that I may know just how you look there; will you? Which room does Father occupy as a study now? what are they using the parlor for any thing now? Where do they keep the pound sweet apples? ~~[illegible]~~ I want to know where to go after one when I go home. Tell Mary that those she sent me were real good; I ate the last of them yesterday. I want to write to Mary real bad but you know, I told you when I was at home, that I did not mean to write to you without you wrote first. I think I was rather rash then, and I shouldn't wonder if I should repent and write to her before long, if she doesn't write to me. I suppose you are in bed before this, and I ought to be there, for it is some time after nine. So I must leave you for the present; I hope I shall be able to finish this tomorrow, so that I can send it off Thursday.

Wed. 2 — Sarah, dear, I hope you will excuse the manner in which this is written; for you know that I did not have time to write it all at once; but I hope it will be acceptable as it is.

We have had quite a fall of snow here last night and this morning; we had had quite warm, wet weather for several days before; it thawed so much that people began to bring their wagons out, and there was no sleighing at all. I wonder if our folks up to Steuben have had sleighing all the while. I suppose you have not been out since that time we all went down to John's, have you? I suppose you will not be able to go out much more this winter, it is so cold: but if you do go off on a sleigh-ride before long, and if you should happen to come along this way I should be happy to have you call; will you not do so? I have not had but two ~~sleighs~~ sleigh rides this winter, one was when I went to Utica in the stage, and another time, I rode up from the Sem. with one of the girls who lives in the village here. Oh, I most forgot to tell you that I rode in the cars from Utica up here one morning, all alone, only think of it. and I wasn't much afraid, either, so I wont have it to say now that I ~~never~~ never rode in the cars; so you see I have had three rides since I have been here. I suppose you think that is more than you have had, but I guess that you have not taken as many walks as I have; have you? I have not heard hardly a word of welsh since I have been here, except what I have gabbled to myself, when alone. — Tell Cynthia that I shall probably write to her again in the course of a few weeks, perhaps in two or three weeks, I shall expect a letter from her soon. Sarah, I guess you will have to read this, as I wrote it, a little at a time. I am sorry that I have filled this sheet so entirely with nonsense, but I guess it ~~will~~ will have to go. I hope you are better now than you were when Ma was here. I feel anxious to know how you are getting along. — I remain your sister Anna Dear Mary. — I believe, I will write you two lines, hoping to receive as many in return. I did not intend to write you any when I commenced or I should have left more room. I believe you are acquainted Carry

White, are you not? she is here this term, also Louisa Schermerhorn; and I dont know who else. I wish you could come down here, and see us before long; and stay two or three days, dont you think you can? How is you health now? is it better than it was when I was at home? Write and let me know all about it. Anna

To Jennie, Mary, Sarah, and Cynthia [illegible]

Utica June 16. 1857.

My dear Sister,

I truly do say, I have seated myself down to write a letter! I am daily looking for a letter from home, but none has come as yet. I suppose you are very busy, and have no time to write. I am very anxious to know how you are getting along at home with housecleaning &c. and how you all are. I am staying at cousin Mary's, have not been to uncles since mother was down. I have taken two music lessons one yesterday and one Monday; and practice on Mrs John E. Jones' melodeon. Mrs. Jones is very kind, she says I can practice there just as much as I like. I did not take a lesson [illegible] I expected; it was too late before I could find the house. I have commenced on an easy piece; expect [illegible]. Sarah you wanted me to tell you [illegible]

on the bus while playing; we that is
prohibited. I have to keep my eye on the notes,
and fur on the keys, its pretty hard work
sometimes. Lizzie is writing to Jane and Lettie,
so I will not write to them this time.
I suppose Lettie is busy at work at Mrs.
Williams' this week, how does she prosper?
Tell Jane I have not forgotten her, or her little
one, how is the little fellow? I wish I could
see him. Ella is making great calculations
of going up to Lawton in the summer to
see her little cousin. I am having a very
pleasant visit with Mary and Lizzie. Last
Saturday Frank took us, (Lizzie, Ella and myself)
to their uncle Ebenezer's, we had a good nice
ride. We went past the cemetery, but the
gate was closed, so we could not go in. We went
to hear how Mother and Mary got home last
week, was Mother most sick, she looked very
tired when she was here. How were you, Mary,
after your journey? I hope you were not any
worse, Jennie, how do you get along nights
without me? do you have to sleep alone

now? I get along very well, as I have [illegible]
for a companion. How do you like the [illegible]
[illegible] you put it up yet? When
you write I wish you would tell me [illegible]
[illegible] yards of border [illegible], [illegible]
some. Is Georgie there yet? I suppose he and
Eddie are having nice times. How do they get
along with the [illegible]? [illegible] to
Father, Mother, and all the rest. God bless.

From your sister,

[illegible]

I am in hopes this [illegible]
answer from some of you: do write, please, if
it is only a line. Have you had visits
from any of the school girls; give me love to
inquiring friends. Please tell me when you
write what you have heard from John and
Elizabeth since I came away. How does Lewis get
along. I suppose he is very busy now. Give my
love to him and [illegible], and tell [illegible] I should
be very happy to get a letter from them.

clearing our room up, &c. &c. I suppose that you have been equally busy, haven't you, fancy?

Last Tuesday ~~[illegible]~~ Dr. Beecher's sewing society met in the basement of the church, and in the evening the girls were invited over to take tea and spend the evening. It is only a few steps from our door, and most of us went at first; and the others, finding themselves left alone, soon followed. We had a pleasant time, and came home early. Monday afternoon we had a lecture in Dr. Tyler's church. They are expecting to have a course of lectures here this winter, commencing in two or three weeks.

Now, I hope you will not wait so long before you answer this as I have done. Write soon, and write both of you. Give my respects to all inquiring friends, if I have any such. Give my love to Gwen, and her one boarder; I understand that the other one has left her. Well, I wish him "llwyddiant da". Good bye, remember your sister — Anna.

Dont let Robbie forgot me.

Dansburg, Nov. 6. 1857.

Dear Brother and Sister,—

It is over two weeks since I received your letter; I should like to have answered it sooner, had I the time, but I suppose it is not yet too late, is it? I am glad you have such faithful monitors, Lewis to remind you of duty; hope by the next time you will also have some inclination to write, and not trust entirely to them. Jerome has gone to "Faculty Meeting" and I am left alone, a little lonesome, too, I might say, but this little chat with you, will tend to dispel all such feelings. I wish you could stop in and spend the evening with us. Wonder if you couldn't spare the time. We are having dull, gloomy, muddy weather here this week; it has been so windy almost every day this week, that

were not made of something a little
lower than earth, we should have been
blown away before this. The winds here
are very strong, but still, people who live
here say that ~~they~~ it is not more so
windy this fall as usual. —

There is a gentleman living in this
place whose name is Marsh, who used to
know Father when our folks lived in Winfield.
He lived in Bridgwater, and says he has
heard father preach a great many times.
It seems very pleasant to find friends
out here so far from home. — I suppose you
have got the "Ten" out before now; hope we
shall receive one soon. I am sorry you have
so much to do, wish I could help you.
It is now the "first of the month;" I wonder
if you will not have time to get that
likeness. Fame, you can tell best what dress
the baby shall wear; I think he looks pretty
in any dress. Dear little fellow! I want to
see him so bad. I can hardly make it seem
that he has really learned to walk. — Are

you able to take him to church any now, or is he too uneasy? I think of you very often on the Sabbath, and try to imagine what tunes you are singing. Fennie and I have some sort of a sing together almost every Sabbath evening, and we usually take out the Welsh Hymn Book before we get through. They use the "Plymouth Collection" in the churches here, and we have got one of them. Tell Sis that I am using her Geometry now; we have got as far as the 25th Proposition; I wonder if she remembers what that is. Do you, Sis? I think some of beginning to take music lessons next week. We have a lady teacher in the house now, and I think she is a good teacher.

Sat. afternoon. — I left this here last night hoping to be able to finish it this morning, but other things had to be done, and your letter was put off till now. I cannot write a great deal more, as it is now time to send this out if it goes today. This has been a busy day; sweeping, dusting, writing composition

Frank was up here yesterday, and went from here to John Roberts. Said he was going down in time to take you to the Commencement. Uncle was up too, but did not come here; had other business I suppose. We are busy making curds filly this morning, with you were here to help. Good bye again from your lovely sister Anna.

Hurry home

Sarah, Nellie wishes me to tell you that she is very lone-some after you, as she has no one to tease her now. She wants you to be sure you remember that slick of cavity.

Wednesday morning.

Dear Jennie & Sarah:

I received a line from you last Saturday morning; we are very much obliged to you for sending it, as we were quite anxious to hear from you. I believe you omitted to say in that letter how you were getting along, and enjoying yourselves, &c. It is not often though, that I receive so long an epistle as that was. Sarah's letter to Lewis & Jane, and note to me, was received last evening. Sarah Amelia, Ellen, & Alsemina were here last evening. They were very sorry you were not at home, but wish to have you both call on them when you come home. Sarah, Alsie said that when

me were gone she had to bother make calls and turn them. Was that fair? But she excused you, as you had so many family cares. Mary and I are calculating on making a great many visits after you come home.

We went to Trenton day before yesterday with Eddie, and did some trading. Got Mary a bonnet but could not get any trimming to suit. She would like to have you get some trimming if you can, ribbon, rather. We send you five dollars in this for fear you will not have enough. Mary says she would like to have you select yourselves as to color, as she like that you send me. I have trimmed my bonnet; they say it looks very pretty. Cousin John Everett and family came up here yesterday morning. Margaret and the children stayed till evening; had a pleasant little visit. Eddie is going to the village pretty soon, and will take this to the mail. Good bye, perhaps some one else will write

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May 19, Steuben Stone Academy.

My dear Sister:

It seems a long time since we heard from you last. We are quite anxious to hear how you are, and how you are getting along with your studies. I thought you said you were going to write a great many letters during the vacation, but I assure you we have not seen much of the fruit of your labors. Dear Mary, we have been very negligent in writing to you of late, but you must "forgive and forget", won't you, dear? Mary, I thank you very much for those few lines you wrote me in your last letter, you are a good girl for remembering your sister Anna. We got that letter and another one to Sarah from you, the same day. I wrote to Peggie yesterday, it is a good while since we have heard from her. We have been expecting her up here now for some time, but have ~~been~~ seen nothing of her as yet. She wrote a good while ago and said

she was coming up on a visit this spring. We had a letter from Sister Elizabeth last week, she had just had the children vaccinated and therefore could not come up here as soon as she expected but we hope she will come soon

I am teaching in our district this summer, have nine scholars, some of them are your old scholars. I think I shall like it very much, though it seems rather strange at first. I commenced last Monday; went Friday to De Billetts to be examined; Sarah Maria and Eddy went with me. We had a very pleasant ride and did not have a very hard time while there. We also went to the Union Store at Steuben Corners, and saw Mr. James; we bought a gallon of Syrup, and half a pound of candy for Sarah, for which I only paid seven cents. It is now ten minutes of one and the children are jumping rope; I must soon leave you to commence school. Is your vacation over yet? I believe it closes tomorrow, does it not?

Friday — I must write you a few lines today before I send this off. Sarah is pretty well now. that is about as well as usual. She has not been able to walk any after that spell of sickness which she had in the winter. Sarah Maria

health is not very good now. She is over to our house almost every day. It seems as if we could hardly get along without having them there now. —— Sister Sarah has a little clock in her room now. It is a pretty little thing. It sets on the ~~[illegible]~~ bureau. I have got the watch which she used to have. Our Sabbath School commenced last Sunday. John teaches our class, and David the little boys English class. We have had almost constant rain for the last two or three days but today it is quite pleasant, only rather cold after the rain. I wonder what kind of weather you are having out there.

Father is going to preach at Deerfield next Sabbath, and Mr. Williams will preach at our church.

— Mary I left here yesterday, hoping to have time to write more in it before I send it, but I must send it now without saying any more. Good bye now. Mary dear with love

your sister [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] seems to be enjoying himself [illegible]. The [illegible]
expecting a letter from you before long [illegible]
[illegible] I thank you enough for that good
long letter that [illegible] made [illegible] the day after [illegible]
birthday? [illegible] that you could [illegible]
that [illegible] that I could [illegible] letter [illegible] from and
what you [illegible]. I felt that [illegible]
[illegible] of the little [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] have [illegible]!
[illegible] This [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible]! [illegible]
[illegible] dead. [illegible]
[illegible] he is: he is one of the [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] on [illegible] morning. [illegible]
[illegible] as you [illegible]
[illegible] you? Is your health good?

Sarah.

Dear Daughters

We were very glad to get your letter last Friday night to find that Sarah is going we very glad that M thinks she has done right in going there and her prospects is good, hope our expectation will be realised, I do not know what to say about his she thinks there is no need of her going

as you can we miss you both very much. Mrs Jones says that others from this way aren't to go after they see you well

Mother is busy getting dinner, and wants me to finish her letter for her, as Eddie is waiting to take it to the mail. We are having fine times here now learning to sing. I wish you both were here with us. We are learning some new tunes, and Lewis sings with us home evenings. Mother says it is high time for Eddie to start, so good bye for the present. Write to us soon. Anna.

her health is better than it has been, she looks better I think Ann left us the day you went away, her Aunt was sick and if I did not want her all winter, they want her so I let her go we get along very well so far, washed this M got done moping and all by noon we use E soap I did not help Letitia but little as I had to read proof 6 gallies

went to see Mrs Jones
this afternoon she says
she will go there after
Sarah comes home we all
she feels determined
to go but is not really
now, the schoolteacher
is going to board there
this winter,
How long do you think
you will have to stay
there perhaps you
can say something
when you write let us
hear from you as often

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Mrs. Pathrie [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Cleave [illegible]

Cynthia saw when [illegible]

[illegible] this aft[illegible]

[illegible] with

the carriage to send her home, and called

on the minister. We had a very pleasant

ride and call. I have seen a good many

sleighs go by to[illegible]

be rather preferable. We [illegible]

for several days. How [illegible]

[illegible] you have good [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] for.

Sunday. — At Mary we going to the [illegible] will write a few words, and send this off. I [illegible] have [illegible] Naughty, but I [illegible] hope. I must do [illegible] from you [illegible] very soon. Oh confusing [illegible] other affairs. & the [illegible] affairs and the sleigh [illegible] to be **soon**. I have [illegible] [illegible] and I go a [illegible] [illegible] you like it [illegible] [illegible] must [illegible]; hope to see you [illegible] before a great [illegible] the Express [illegible] [illegible] Much love to all around [illegible] home. Thank you for the [illegible] sleigh. [illegible]

[illegible] I go home.

Home, Oct. 12, 1870.

My dear Sister,

You may be sure we were all very glad and very thankful when your letter came to me telling of your safe arrival at Charleston — and of your pleasant comfortable journey there. We are getting anxious to hear again and thinking that perhaps you were also looking for a letter, I have commenced writing. Do you remember three weeks ago today — our ride home from Turin? What a shifting busy time we have had since then. I wish I could look in your room this morning — you are probably in the schoolroom now, as it is ten o'clock. I would like to know just what you are

doing. I had a letter from Eddie last week saying they had not heard a word from us since we left there - nor had we heard from them. Yesterday I wrote to him, telling him what we had heard from you, as he was anxious to know. He has had one letter from Elizabeth and Kittie since they went to Lewiston. They seemed quite well pleased with their new home, especially Kittie - she says she does enjoy living in the city. Sarah had a little short letter from Robbie E. - hearty and cheerful, but without much news. He said he was obliged to put his words as far apart as it would do, to fill one page of his sheet - which was quite large. Mary writes cheerfully and hopefully - not I suppose you see from her as often as we do. I have not seen Jane in some time, but Cathy was here yesterday with her father and Em. Almost as soon as

she came in the house. she said "I want to see 2 pictures," and led the way to the study — so we sat down on the floor and amused ourselves looking at pictures and pulling down books from the shelves for sometime. After I made her a boquet, she was in a hurry to go home to show it to her Mamma, — and as she went away, she said, "Good bye, come to my house next time". Dear little thing, she is a little sunbeam, isn't she? Jennie and Eddie went to Utica on some business for father day before yesterday. We expected them home last night, but they did not come. Sarah is down cellar making butter — I wish you were here so we could have a lunch together of new bread and butter. Mother is in the back-kitchen preparing beets and chicken for dinner — Father sits by me in the lounge reading the Bible

Rev. C. Pitton Jones preached here last Sunday - he staid at our house Monday night - enquired very kindly about you, he is anxious to do something for the Freedmen, thinks if the churches would all act together, and decide on a Sabbath for each minister to preach on the subject, then collect, it would be the best way. He went back to Union yesterday - has been away since before the meeting.

Perhaps you have noticed [illegible] paper. [illegible] your black horse [illegible] hot [illegible] may not be able [illegible] away, [illegible] good bye. [illegible] was going to take this [illegible], much love from all at home. [illegible] to your loving [illegible]

[illegible]

We will send one half [illegible] in this [illegible] next time.

Home, Nov. 6th 1871.

Dear Sister

I enclose a letter received from Mrs. Warren soon after you left. If you will be able to make a call on Miss. Warren as she suggests I shall be very glad indeed. I have written to her to day stating that I am sending you her letter. I was sorry when I noticed how far back its date was that I had not sent it before for fear. Miss W. may have left the city. I have written her two sheets full and am too tired to do the same for you (Aren't you glad?) We have had a letter from Ottie stating that they do not suffer from the fire except indirectly. she wrote cheerfully and said she and Mary Ann were in usual health. Spoken of having recently seen Lizzie, but did not say

w confess to the Dr. I believe Anna has something to confess or to tell too so I'll leave the rest of the sheet for her. I may go to Irvine this week, but am not sure about it. Will be glad to hear how you enjoy the exercises at the college.

particularly how she and Clark were. Was at Clark when Jennie's letter from Lewiston arrived. She thought Lizzie would answer it, and Lizzie thought she promised to, that explained why a letter was so long in reaching us. Elis. wrote a good full letter that came the same time. She seemed in good spirits, asked for your address, as she wished to write to you, and couldnt find it. A very cheery letter from Uncle N. dated Oct. 13 reached us lately. wishes us to send his love to you and to remind you of your promise to write to him and send your Photograph. I think I have been better than usual for the last month, but got quite tired with Cen. and then the visits and walking up from the village. Friday I felt as though I must come home but suppose I ought not to just then have walked when I was sure to have a chance to ride at night. My mouth felt tired Sat. and I felt as tho. it was as much as I could do to ward off a spasm. Sun. morning I had a pretty naughty one, took some Puls. and have felt quiter ever since I am ashamed of myself, but suppose I might

My dear L. Lister. Will you be very much surprised at getting a letter from me? I have not written you before since you went away - have no excuse to offer; so I guess I will proceed at once to business. I could not tell that the wed. you sent me at Lewiston had any effect - though perhaps it was taken at rather an unfavorable time - only two days or so before our journey home. My shoulders were paining me a good deal those days, and I thought if it was going to help me, I would like to have the benefit of it for the journey. Two or three days after we reached home, Cynthia and I went to call on Mrs. Jones in the evening. went in at the back door - it was dark in the shed, and I stepped off the platform very foolishly, and came down on my back in the lower part of the wood shed striking my head till I saw stars. When we came home, Jennie gave me Acon. and a little later Arn. I have suffered more

from pain in my shoulders and head ever since but am very thankful that the effect was not worse. Two or three days before we started home from Lewiston, I was threatened with pain in my stomach very much as I used to have — it was relieved with Pub. then, but I still feel it when I get too tired or startled in any way. Do not know what it was that helped me of that before. Have you had a letter from Cattie yet? she was intending to write to you — did not think the last med. you sent her helped her head at all. She looks quite delicate, and her head still troubles her in a warm room, but not so bad nearly as before that first dose you sent her. Johnnie's med. works well for him — he was speaking one day about it, and said if he had a peck of that medicine he believed he would not need to complain any more. We are all glad that your prospects for the winter are so favorable. wonder if it is as cold in New York as it is here. I am sorry to send such a complaining letter, but

on may we thankful that I do not write often, so have to do it all up at once. Your loving Sister Anna.

Green moss. Apr. 6. 75.

Dear Sister,

Jennie wishes me to write a little in her letter. — ~~Wm. & Sarah are going down to~~ the village ~~with~~ to the funeral of Thos. Abrams, and will take this to the mail. Our butter was sent to E. A. Howard & Co. — I guess it was better that we were not bothered with it. I want to tell you of a "pretty case" I had the other day. Mary Jane went to Sisty to spelling school, and in some way got some lime from the plastering in her eye. It troubled her a good deal the next day at times, but we did nothing for it only bathing with warm milk

and water. The next morning when she got up it was very painful and a good deal inflamed. I gave her one dose of Calcarea, and it began to improve very soon, and she had no further trouble with it. Wasn't that splendid? Mary Jane has a great deal of pain in her left limb, when she sits down or after going to bed – it is better when she is around with her work. She thinks she took cold last fall by wetting her feet, she used to go out in the morning dew to milk. The doctor tells me she has taken cold in the nerve – I wish I knew what to give her – gave R. hus once without any improvement to my knowledge. Is Miss Rees still with you – love to her and Dr. Griffith I am sorry to have missed her visit – I hope you will find time to write soon. Cannot John Eddie write. Love from all Anna.

Hand. April 14, 1875.

My dear Sister, —

I can not tell any thing about the comfortables — you know we got the material at different times, and kept no account. I am sorry — another time I think I should try and keep an account of all such expenses. The list of sheets and pillow-cases I kept on the third shelf, I think, of your bookcase — the latter shelf where we kept the large [illegible], little bottles &c., at the end nearest the [illegible] — it was folded small and slipped into one of those little [illegible] for extra shelves. Wish I could help you take an inventory, I hope [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] your [illegible]

Maggie is taking [illegible] [illegible] of me, and is getting along nicely.

long, and you can talk matters over
and see what can be done. I am
keeping Father's Books now — I cannot
help wondering how he stood it so
long to labor so unceasingly, and
his books are all so well and case-
fully kept. We are expecting to have
Rev. W. D. Williams here to preach a
memorial sermon soon — the text he
has selected is Job 1:8 — There is none
like him in the earth. We also
received a sermon yesterday from
Rev. S. Phillips, which he had preached
for his people, and he sends for pub-
lication — it was too late for the Chey
number — but will probably come out in
the following one. He think of having
some extracts of the letters we have
recently published in the next
Leatherhead. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

I great many of Father's parents are anxious to have it in a book. If you have any little incidents that would be interesting, please note them down. Mr. Carol and I went to church meeting yesterday — and after meeting went and took tea at Mrs. Griffiths. Jane Mrs. Williams was in meeting — the first time she has been — she is grand daughter to Hugh Evans. We all send love to Mrs. Jones — she has moved, it seems. So she wears you now than before. My kind regards to all the good friends at [illegible], especially Mrs. Dundall. I am so sorry Miss [illegible] is ask. Is Mary so good natured as ever? I wish I could see her and Maria too. Give my best respects to the [illegible] and tell Maria if Mary abuses her to let me know. Jane G. was in church [illegible] with her [illegible]

I have been trying to sing "Jerusalem & Jerusalem" for the folks at home, but don't succeed very well as I have to sing it alone. I must teach it to Jerusalem. Wish I could get Mrs. Scott here to sing it with me. Does he sing as much as ever?

[illegible]

Please send my cloak.

How many envelopes did you bring of Lewis? We received them from you. — Thank you. We have enough now.

Remsen, May 17/77.

Dear Sister, —

Mother received your letter with the returns of the butter this afternoon, also a card and the present. — she was very much pleased with the latter, especially, — she has not tried it on yet. I was very poorly all last week, but am much better now, though pretty weak. I took Sabine one day, yesterday I think and it seemed to help me, though I was not quite well for several days after. Yesterday afternoon I walked to Lewis' and took tea there — John Eddie came for me with the horse. ~~Lewis~~ Wm P. Williams' wife (Delia) ~~died~~ last Sunday of pneumonia, was buried today. Lewis and Jane went to the funeral. Jane

went up Saturday, hearing that she was sick, and that Orie was also sick at Mrs. Lyman's, with measles. Orie was better yesterday, and Dwightie was coming down with measles. Lewis said that the little boys could not realize that their mother was dead — she was laid out on their little bed in the bedroom, and looked very much as if she was asleep, — they would run in to kiss their mamma every little while, and wonder why she did not awaken and speak to them. Mother and I staid home from church Sunday morning, and in the evening, the prayer meeting was held at our house, — we had a very full meeting. Mrs. Prichard (Glyn) came with them from morning meeting, and Jennie Griffith, and both staid

till evening. Katie Griffith came home with Jimmie - I have not seen her yet; - Jennie says they are very glad she came home and feel very thankful to you for caring for her. Jane Esther was very much pleased with the little bonnet - she had been in Utica, and could not find any thing to suit her for less than $5. The baby has not had her sacque yet; I have not been able to go out much yet, but hope to go to see her before long. Jennie went to Mrs. Mitchell's Saturday after church meeting - had a pleasant time, and brought a nice bouquet of flowers home, also some pansy roots to put in the garden. I am glad you have some more plants - your window must look quite gay, I think. Have you seen any thing of my cloud? I think I must

have left it hanging on the nail in the closet. What has Mrs. Ensign decided to do about her house? Are those troublesome tenants still there? Give my love to her and to Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Milbank and all other enquiring friends who may care for it. Have you had your room cleaned? Do the mice trouble you as much as ever? This is Wednesday evening, and I suppose you are in prayer-meeting. I would like to be there with you.

Thurs. morn. — Wm. is going to take the butter to the village this morning, and will send it as you directed, unless he can sell to better advantage. I suppose he will send the small tub to Dr. B. any way. We are sorry you have taken so much pains to inquire about it, as it must have been hard for you to spare the time. I have finished that motto, and will send in a few days. It looks very pretty. Your thimble is here, shall we send it to you? It is snowing

a little this morning - is pretty cold. Mother is pretty smart - I think she gains in her walking - does not seem to depend so entirely on her crutches. She coughs a good deal at times. Your sister Anna

Remsen. June 2, 1877

Dear Sister,

Your letter and card came safely but I have been rather busy to do much writing lately - Sarah is just getting all right again - William has been quite sick with asthma - for two weeks or more he has had more hard breathing than easy - Friday last he whitewashed mother's bedroom - we cleaned it - and papered it - finishing with the carpet Monday. Tuesday we cleaned the parlor - Wednesday churned and baked - today cleaned the church - tomorrow and Saturday Maria Pugh has promised to come and sew for me. I am to have my silk and morino remade. Maria is also coming the first of the week. - I am almost discouraged about going to S. Hadley alone but -

do not think much about it.

We hardly think it would be well for us to take any one to board, but I asked Lama today if she would not like to – she said she would speak to Cardine. If they are willing to take her do you think Mrs Millbank would like it there?

About that butter, mother is doubtful about our being able to send while the weather is so warm. We have a (60 weight) large tub filled with nice grass butter and commenced the second tub last Tuesday. Shall churn again tomorrow – what size tub will Dr. B. want in the fall? and how many tubs? We did not send that last spring tub – the weather came so warm before you wrote that we were afraid to send it – we are using it – it is nice and sweet.

The monument will probably be put up Monday next — as they have informed Mr. Thomas. It will be in the centre of the lot — most likely as that seems to have been the intention when the graves were dug. Do you so understand it? They have got the stones for the foundation here and I think intend digging the place Saturday. The committee see to that. — William took Mother this P.M. over to see Lewis — that she might talk to him a little about it, but he was not at home — We should be glad if you could be here when it is put up, but there is no need of course. I suppose you will come up sometime during the summer. I hope your business and health will continue good. Good night and much love —

Lizzie

Dear Sister Mary, — Will you get for me four or five skeins of clouded yellow silk floss, and four of plain green, for the motto "Sweet rest in Heaven"? I send 25 cents, — if this is not enough, send your bill. The needles came safely — I am much obliged. I am sorry you had so much trouble and anxiety to get the other motto from the F. C. Have you seen the Dr. since, and how was he pleased? Hastily,

Your sister Anna

Remsen, July 2. 1877.—

Dear Sisters,—

Mary's long and interesting letter was received this afternoon. We were very glad to know that you were enjoying yourselves so well. Mother sent you a letter, I believe, ~~Friday~~ Saturday morning, and told you of our visit to Laura & Caroline and of the storm the night before, but we did not then realize how near it had come to us. About ten o'clock Friday evening, lightening struck the girls' house, and Caroline received quite a severe shock, which made her quite sick for a time, though she was not stunned. Laura went down for Dr Wilcox through the rain. She has got pretty well over it now. The lightening seemed to have entered the house through the south west corner of the roof, — split the post in the corner of the parlor, clear down, and scattered the plastering from that side to all parts of the room. From there it went to the kitchen, and tore off the clapboards by the cistern, and threw the sink out of place &c. Carrie was standing near wiping the knives & spoons, after the company. Laura was sitting in the sitting room with Mary Roberts (Flora Velen) who had not yet

gone home. We could not help thinking how thankful we ought to be that it had not happened when we were all there in the afternoon, as some of us were sitting in the parlor all the time. We have had more rain the past few days than in a long time and it has raised the streams, carrying away bridges and doing a good deal of damage. Katie went home Saturday evening, intending to return Sunday, but was prevented from doing so, by the removal of the bridge between their house and Wm. Pierce's. It was made passable today, so she reached home soon after noon. It has grown cold today and the rain seems to be over for the present. Wm Owens (Pant) is to be buried tomorrow, the funeral to be at our church. He has been sick some time, I believe.

Ques. morn. — Could you get some border for Mother's [illegible] about 15 yards, I think, a we don't seem to succeed very well in Remsen. Also our Student lamp has given out — I think

the wick is all gone - I wish you could
one (a wick I mean) We shall all be glad to see
Jennie home again, but dont want
to hurry her. A great many friends
have asked for her, and for Mary
too. When will Mr. come home? Do
you think Mrs. Jones will come
up this summer? John Eddie's
school is to close today. They intend
to commence with the haying soon.
Mrs. Jones and Mary Ann came over
Sunday evening, as they were not going
to church, and found it very lonely
staying at home. Mother and I were
home. We had a letter from Eddie
a few days ago. They were well, and
expect to visit us this month, we
dont know just how soon. Wish you

could both be here the same time.
We have not taken up the carpet
in the setting room, guess we will
have to leave it till Jennie is here
to help. Had you better get John Eddie
a Bible with our Bible Society money
he would be very much pleased I think.
I hope you have received Mother's letter
sent Saturday, with P.O. Order for $10.
Let us know when it reaches you. Ma
tells I send love to you both and all
inquiring friends. Your sister

Anna L. Cook

Lemon Sept. 19, 1877.

Dear Sister,

I would like to write you a letter this morning, but do not know as I can get it ready to going time. One year ago today dear Cynthia went home to heaven, her days of suffering ceased, and ours of weary watching. How those sad days have been brought back to memory during these weeks that have passed.

We are all feeling pretty well, though I am not quite so well as last week. My old trouble has come on again, just enough to keep me weak. I had just a week's rest between times. I have a heavy, bad feeling in my head a great deal of the time. especially mornings, and pain in my back and under my apron

also, worse in the morning, but not bad enough to keep me in bed. I have been taking Sulph. in water for a day or two - dont know as it does any good, - perhaps I had better leave it off today, and take China. I was well enough yesterday afternoon to go with Jennie and Fannie Ellis to J. R. Griffiths, and called on the baby. Jane Esther had gone with her Father to Utica, came home last evening. They promised to come here with the little one this afternoon. Did you get a letter from Kitie Griffith some time ago? She says she wrote to you, but did not know but she might have misdirected the letter - though she hardly expected you would have time to answer it. Maggie Evans (Owen Evans' daughter) is very sick indeed - has inflamation on the brain, or something of that kind - brought

on by disappointment, me dear. One has been paying her very close attentions for a long time, and has lately given her up. We do not know all the particulars, and dont want to judge him too hastily. Perhaps you had better not say much about it to any one else. Your sister

Anna.

Sat. eve. Dec. 22. 1877.

Dear Julia,

Jennie has just finished her letter, and has written such good long one, that it hardly seems worth while for me to add anything. but I want to ask you a question or two, professionally. Sarah's boil has been coming on since a week ago last Wednesday - it does not come to a head, only hard and red. It pains her when she moves about, - which she does most of the time. I am afraid she goes around too much. It is in the same place as the carbuncle she had some years ago. Ever since that time there has been some roughness of the skin there at times, with irritation. It has not got to be very bad yet, but we are afraid it will be. She has taken Hepar

two or three times, and Silicea once or twice — today she has been taking Arnica in water. I think she took a dose or two of Ralph. at the commencement. Can you suggest anything for her to take to prevent her from hiving more. Her cough is better — she is taking slippery elm tea for that, and it seems to help her — her cough has been very tedious.

Can you give Mother something to help her to sleep nights. If anything worries her, she takes that time to dwell worrying — last night she slept till 1 o'clock, and that was the last of it, and she has done so for several nights. Would Aconite help her? We have a lieutenant who is staying at Mrs. Jones' — she is a Mrs. Powell, sister of Rev. Owen Parry. Her husband died over a year ago, and she has not been able to sleep much since — she used to be afraid sometimes that she would lose

her mind, from want of sleep. We gave her one dose of Ignatia about a week ago, and if she tells her story rightly, it has acted most like a charm. She slept much better the first night, and is so pleased that she can sleep enough to dream. I saw her today, and she said she slept better last night than ever, and had such a nice dream. Mrs. John B. Thomas looks very badly — she says she coughs almost incessantly nights, and so does not get much rest. Her brother is very low with consumption, and she has worried a great deal about him. Dr. Owen from Steuben attends her — he encourages her, saying he can cure her. She tells him she wishes he was a Homeopath, so she would not have to take such bad medicine. She says she has wished many times that she could see you — If you could get time to write to her, it would cheer her I think.

Mary Jones, daughter of John Jones, (y sorry) who lives on the Plank road between Kemsen and Trenton, — died very suddenly of Hemorrhage of the lungs, and is to be buried tomorrow. We understood that she went to bed as usual, and was taken about one o'clock with hacking cough, and died before morning. She had had hemorrhage once before some time ago. She was grand-daughter of John G. Jones, and second cousin to Mrs. J. C. Thomas. Mother wants me to ask you what you would think of our writing to Ambler Bros. to inquire about butter, or would you advise some thing else — you hadn't better spend much time looking around, as you have enough to do. There are 10 tubs in all. What are you going to do Christmas — I send you a little Christmas present of lace — my own handiwork — It will be nice for you to wear with Fennie's pin — it is called English Point.

Mon. marn. — When I was in Utica, I saw Cousin Wm Jones folks. — Ella Jones talked some of going to New York during the Holidays, as she has a vacation these days. If she goes she will probably call on you. I gave her your address and office hours as near as I could remember — she is a nice girl. We have no snow as yet, but are looking for it every day. Today is a beautiful day. Sarah's boil is pretty bad today, and Fennie is washing. Cousin Mary would like to visit you some time this winter if I go down, so we could go around together, but

would want an invitation spd can keep pretty well at home, it is doubtful if it will seem best for me to go. We are trying to send out Bills as fast as we can — and it seems necessary for me to be at home to see to the letters which come in answer to mine. Anna.

[illegible] 1872.

My dear Sister,

I fear you think we are neglecting you but we think and [illegible] of you very often, if we do not write. Jennie has another boil, similar to the one you saw her have in Utica. This time it is on the first finger of her right hand. So you see she is disabled from writing, and her correspondents have to suffer. It has been very painful [illegible] the greater part of two nights. Last night it broke and discharged a little, and she slept pretty well. There seemed to be a large blister on top, filled with matter, we cut that this morning, as it did not seem right to leave it longer, it had only run a very little a good deal of

We have two small chocks which we then [illegible] would like to be you have and will send them in this. Jennie wishes you to [illegible] no know since you are getting [illegible] financially. While when you receive this please.

dark bloody matter came from it when we cut the skin — we hope it will get well now, and that her hand will be better. Jennie and I went to Lewis' day before yesterday. He would like to have us help him prepare something to publish about Mother — he said he wished we would write down what we think would be of interest, and he will write some too. Perhaps you can write or suggest something. He dont exactly like the motto you sent for the monument, would prefer some short verse from the Bible. How would you like this: "That they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them". or "She hath done what she could." or both, if there is room. This is Sarah's suggestion. I suppose we will have time to think of it — Mr. Evans told Jennie he thought he would put

it on some time when he would be coming this way — in the course of the summer, we do not know when. But of course we would like to decide, so to be ready when he comes. Do you remember the Article Jennie wrote some time ago, about Father, intended for the Congregational Quarterly? Have you a copy of it? Lewis received a postal from Rev H. E. Thomas, Pittsburg, which I will copy: "Yr wyf newyd dderbyn llythyr o iwrth Gweryd ap Rhys, Gol. "Enwogrion y Ffydd" (Llyfr gwerth 3 gini) yn dymuno amaf ysgrifenn ar Enwogion Cymreig America, ac ar Dr. Everett yn bennodol. Os oes genych rywcrybyllion y caech iddynt ymdangos, hoffwn en cael yn fuan." We thought that Article of Jennie's would be good to send, but can not find a copy of it. If you have it, will you please send it here, we

could take a copy and return to you if you wish. [illegible] would like to have us answer this postal if we can soon. Sarah is better but does not feel strong, she takes cold very easily. Wm has been [illegible] an attack of Asthma this week, but is better now. John Eddie has been nearly sick with cold, stiff neck and sore throat. he [illegible] a good deal better, but not quite well. I keep as well as I can, have been unwell for about a week and do not know when I shall get over it. have taken Sulph. for some days - thought I would take Iron today, as the other does not seem to take hold as it ought to. Sulph. seems to me to be what [illegible] to help me. Robbie Williams, Jennie G's husband is gaining quite fast now. Sarah saw Mrs. Thomas day before yesterday. She was more cheerful

and I thought better it anything after morning. It is raining hard today if it holds up bye and bye J. Eddie will take this to [illegible]

[illegible] Jan. 22, 1879.

[illegible] go [illegible] indeed [illegible] a letter [illegible]

[illegible] there the next day. [illegible]

[illegible] scrisht [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Feb. 1. 1879.

[illegible] dear [illegible] 23, —

The package came yesterday at 2 o'clock — and everything carried nicely. Sara wrote [illegible] a Postal [illegible] [illegible] which I hope you will get before you do this. I hardly know what to say about Sara's cloak. It is very pretty, but too small to wear anything under it, even her little worsted sa[illegible] which she always wears, — and it is tight around the arm-holes with [illegible] under it, and draws around the [illegible] side that has the button holes in is a little lower than the other, making it set poorly between the buttons. I am afraid the cut of it is poor. Did you [illegible] it on some one? We have decided that she had better not wear it [illegible] [illegible] hear from you. Could you [illegible] it exchanged if we return it. I almost

[illegible]

[illegible] would be [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] think [illegible] would be [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] in something else, if she would [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Kind [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] for your trouble? We [illegible] much [illegible] for the trouble [illegible]

[illegible] We think [illegible] for the pains you took to have everything [illegible] We were glad to see so many oranges, — and are enjoying them [illegible] the sweet potatoes, — we used some for dinner today.

We could find no letter in the package. We insists upon it that there must be one some where and we failed to find it. We are puzzled to know who the stockings are for, — Sara or George, and the mokatie is it for me or Wm we hope to have a letter from you tonight — George is going to the village for it. I expect to try one of my wrappers tomorrow. We had quite a feast of the nuts last night — haven't had any before this winter. You sent me a lot of sick blocks, what shall I do with it etc? We commenced to wind the worsted for mogues last night, and that is as far as we got — did you intend to have both alike? We are all feeling pretty well — all but George went to church — meeting today. This is the fourth day in succession for us to be out riding, dont you think we

are getting well. Day before
yesterday, we went to Pearsport,
took dinner at Chas's & tea at
Allen Davis's. Sage got along
mostly of course, had her or three
calls &c. I think it is doing her
good. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] to past three or four
days. It is supper time, and we
are anxious [illegible] this in the mail
time. If it [illegible] so I will
not write more now. Let us have
it in your [illegible], you dear
[illegible]

Rom, d. 1 11.1 70

How do you [illegible] at [illegible]
What is [illegible]
[illegible] rains? [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] surprised [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] visit [illegible] from Fannie [illegible] with [illegible] we enjoying the [illegible] you [illegible] suffer [illegible] Ellice [illegible] for some [illegible] cents [illegible] dozen we buy [illegible] and sweet [illegible]

[illegible] ceived
mailed March 11th last ev[illegible]
[illegible] you have been left [illegible]
without a letter, and that you were
getting to be so anxious about [illegible].
Although it is Sunday afternoon I
[illegible] I will not be wrong to write
you a short letter, that we may send
it by some one from church tonight.
[illegible] we [illegible]
[illegible] partially [illegible]
[illegible] put on a mustard plaster [illegible]
by Hapgood which removed it [illegible].
She afterward was taken with tooth
ache or neuralgia in her face, which
was very annoying for two or three days
and kept her from going. That is

[illegible] now, and we hope she will
[illegible] strength, though
it threatened with a [illegible]
side [illegible] this afternoon. [illegible]
commencing to take [illegible]
and we hope to stave it off [illegible]
[illegible] She is better, I think
[illegible] she was a week ago a little strong
we hope, but you will see that there
[illegible] good reason [illegible] not to [illegible]
[illegible] that she does not get [illegible]
[illegible] get. She usually takes her
breakfast before coming down stairs.
She is not able to sit up much at a time,
but frequently walks [illegible] the [illegible],
and a little around, then she [illegible]
enough to lie down again. I [illegible]
you this that you may know something
[illegible] is. She is not [illegible]
nearly as much this spring as she did
last, but is more feeble [illegible] think.
She was not as strong when she took

when she took [illegible]

her cold as last [illegible]. I think I wrote you in the fall that she was [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and I think she was, but she took cold coming home from Utica, and has [illegible] been [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in flesh the last part of the winter. I noticed it some time before she took her cold, she is quite emaciated now excepting her face, which you know always looks pretty full, but it ~~[illegible]~~ seems some thinner now than usual. [illegible] failing in flesh [illegible] I [illegible] to be the most discouraging symptom as far as I can see. I am writing this quite hastily, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] down to the village to church tonight, to hear Mr. Shepherd the [illegible] [illegible] Elder, preach [illegible] [illegible] home with Ellen [illegible] husband [illegible] were here to dinner. She will probably

might have both — Sarah could take of the worms, and I to the flowers! Did we write you that Dr. Wilson was up to see S. last Saturday, and has promised to come whenever she needs him? He thought she quite hopeful when he was here, — said he found her "better than he expected" — he gave her leave to go out in the yard a little, if she felt like it. — but said it is too cold for her to take yet. She has been out two or three times since, about as far as the well each time, — we thought she came in with less fatigue than before. We think you had better send our things home if you move, and even if you do not move, it would be easier for us to take care of them here than for you, — and J. E. would help you pack them during his vacation.

Lovingly, Jennie & Anna.

Hancock, April 27, 1881.

My dear Sister,

What has become of John Eddie's pen? It is long since we have had a letter from him. The direction on the last from you led us to hope to find a letter in it from him. Please ask him to be so good as to write soon. We hope he is well and not over disappointed [illegible] a school. We shall be very glad indeed to have him with us — and to have his help on the farm. Sarah is so feeble that it will be much easier for her to get out a little if he can help her into the buggy &c. What is the short vacation you say he will be having in a little while now? Is it to prepare for the examinations? Does he feel pretty brave about them? Who will [illegible] I think he wrote once

about when they are to be, but we have only remembered that they will be through about June 20. We wish very much he could have his likeness taken before coming home - a good photograph. How much money had we better send, and when will he need it? What ought he to get? Shoes, of course - will he need any clothes besides? How about a trunk? Had he better get one or shall we send. Mr. Jones would take if we could arrange so that he should not be troubled with it after reaching New York.

I do not know what to say about your moving, - you know best, of course. Will your practice in a new place during the summer months be likely to compensate you - so well as where you are now. I wish one of us could be with you but it cannot be under our present circumstances - we need all our strength to give Sarah a chance to gain a little. It would be a

comfort to us to have you see her, and perhaps when the city grows very warm and dusty you will find it possible for you to do so - and get a day or two of sweet country air yourself. We do not of course [illegible] could do much for her, in a short visit, - and being so far away most of the time. - we must leave her in the care of Dr. Wms and pray that God may direct him aright -

We all feel relieved to learn that Mrs. M. is not coming at present, - as we really are not strong enough to have any extra cares. If she wants to come later, of course we shall have to reconsider the matter. If all were well here, we wouldn't hesitate so much. Please give our love to her when you see her. Sarah is quite exercised in her mind at present, in regard to the silk warm project. Do you know of any book or paper that would give light on the subject? We do not give up the green-house plan, but [illegible] we

Thurs. [illegible] 1875

[illegible] Jennie is [illegible]
[illegible] I will try to write a few
words to you. Are you feeling as
better than you did a [illegible] ago?
We feel anxious to know just how you
are, and how you are [illegible]
[illegible] afraid you [illegible]
after J. C. comes [illegible] wish you
could come too. Sarah is [illegible]
we think, on the whole, though her
cough has been more troublesome
the past week — she does not sweat
nearly as much as she did when
wrote you about her before — she has
been afraid to [illegible] as she was
taking medicine from the Dr. but if
the sweatings become troublesome again
I think we will venture to give it
to her she does take Acon. occasion-
ally for the hard [illegible]

[illegible] relieves me [illegible]

to have her take med. [illegible] and as long as she seems [illegible] and she is satisfied about it herself. I think it is better that she should depend on him. She has not [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] days, as it was so cold. But yesterday, she went a little in the yard, and today stepped on the front [illegible] Mrs. Isaac Pierce called here today to see [illegible] and to ask if we could give her some med. for nervousness. She took a very severe cold in the winter, and was quite sick a long time — her cold has left her quite weak and nervous, she is very restless and uneasy — wants to be going somewhere or to have some one to talk to all the while it seems to have affected her mind some. She says she has a feeling of a [illegible] near the [illegible] of her stomach a good deal of the time. [illegible]

Fremont, May 6, '81

My dear Sister, –

We intended to get a letter to you by Saturday but failed. Received yours that morning. I was down to see the Dr. Saturday, and had a talk with him about Sarah. He seems more discouraged than he has for some time – seems to be disappointed that she has not gained during the past few weeks as he expected. He says the treatment he is giving her is, he thinks, the best known, but she might be more benefitted by some other he could not tell. As far as he can see now he does not think she will ever get any better – to get rid of the question. He would like to put the case out of his hands, as he has

so many other duties, and can not well give her the attention she requires, or needs now. He mentioned Dr. Owens, or he would be glad if you could come home for a while, — I told him I thought this could hardly be, as you are not well yourself, and it is so hard for you to leave your practice. He has promised to come again this week, and said, if she wished, he would come occasionally to see her, or if she employed some one else. I think I will try to persuade her him not to give up just now, as I fear the thought of a change would make her worse. She was speaking about you the other day, and wishing we could see you, as she often does, — but does not wish to trouble you to come purposely to see her, though she and we all would be willing to pay your way if you could find time to come for a few days, or as long as you

would feel like staying. But this was what I was going to say, — she said she would not want you to come and stay to take care of her, she thought it would give her too much of a feeling that you were "waiting for her to die" you can understand, I know how this feeling would come from the other times you have been called home. I do not think it would be wise for you to leave your practice and come to stay on your own account — unless you think the change would do you good, and on her account perhaps it would not be the best thing, though it would have good [illegible] and comfort to have you here for a while.

Tuesday — I failed to finish this to send yesterday [illegible] would not know I am writing, and I have to steal a little time now and [illegible] I asked

the [illegible] if he thought it was any [illegible] in the way of nursing or care, that was the reason she does not [illegible] faster. He said "O dear, Ma, you do all for her that you can do, and all that any bed could do" and spoke of it twice [illegible] afterwards [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] afraid I had not had experience [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. She seems quite bright this morning, and I hope the Dr. will find her better the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Tues. P.M. Anna has left this for me, I will finish on another sheet so that Sarah can see it. I think perhaps it is because she raises so much that she continues so weak. Her cough is very much better, has been since she took hypophosphites - [illegible] in connection with the cod liver oil. She has a hacking cough and every time she hacks phlegm is raised. I do not know as I make it plain! She does not sweat much except when she has a bad cough, spell

[illegible]

[illegible]

Home. May 30th 18[illegible]

My dear Sister, —

Jennie proposed writing to you this afternoon, but as she has been at work on her class letter today I told her if she would continue with that, I would try to occupy [illegible] in writing to you though I hardly expect to fill it. We have been quite negligent of you lately; but it was not because we do not think of you very often and very much. Have we written you that J. E. is teaching in the Kent District, or as it is sometimes called, the Cefn Gaer district? He commenced last Wednesday, — as today is Decoration day, and a holiday, he is at home — will return to his school tomorrow. His school seems to be a pleasant one,

[illegible] not very strong. Lewis has been more poorly the past few weeks. He has some trouble with his eyes there: [illegible] over them, so that he can not read much, if any. He is quite discouraged at times. We have not seen him for several days now. How are you now? A: days? We feel anxious when we are long without hearing from you. I write [illegible] Amanda [illegible]

How is Mrs. Jones? Give much love to her. Is she coming up this summer? Is Gracie as cunning as ever?

as far as he can judge from only three days' acquaintance — 18 scholars. The school house is 4 miles from Remsen, on a cross road beyond Pengraig church. He is to earn $ 80 in 14 weeks' time, and board himself. He boards near the school house, and pays 15 cents a meal. As he will not be there all the week, he thought he would prefer to pay by the meal. He is not far from East Steuben Station, so can take the cars when he does not feel like walking, or we can not send him. He is working in our garden today, as we have failed to have it made till now. I have been helping a little with the trowel, but can not do a great deal at a time. Sarah is much the same as when we wrote before, though gaining a little all the time, we hope. She has been riding out

a little the past week — has been 4 times — the farthest as far as Dd Price's corner. She rides tire her very much, and she dreads it so much from one time to the other, that I hardly know as it is advisable for us to continue them just now. I will try to see Dr. W. tonight, and ask his advice about it. She seems pretty bright this afternoon, and has walked out in the sitting room several times. She stays in the bed room the greater part of the time, as it is more quiet and retirest there. When we first had fire there, she could not for some time bring herself to feel like staying there unless some one was with her, as there are so many sad memories connected with the room, and she could not keep them from her mind. Now, she has

We have not seen Dr. W. since getting your letter, so have not asked ~~him~~ his opinion of Petroleum. Will do so. What would you think of sending me some homespeller of it. You told me before I came home last fall that you thought my remedy. Jennie

become accustomed to be there, and finds it less tiresome than to be in the sitting room all the time. We had a letter from Eddie the other day, saying that he hoped to be able to go out with the Cofiant about the 10th of June. Jennie wants to go up to see him, and talk over matters, and we think now she may go next Friday and stay till Monday. We think we can get along nicely so, as J. E. will be home then and will be company and help for us. S. & I could hardly get along alone. I think Jennie needs the change, and hope it will do her good, as she has not felt quite as well as usual for two or three weeks. I am feeling better than I was early in the spring, but

Kenosha June 16 1[illegible]

Dear [illegible],

As [illegible]

[illegible] this morn[illegible] [illegible] by

[illegible] this [illegible] to [illegible] with [illegible],

so you may [illegible]

[illegible]day. [illegible]

[illegible] it hard to find time and [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] this morning [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] more, and [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

but got very tired, and [illegible]

time in getting rested. [illegible]

day we drove in [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] gone [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

yesterday, and spoke more cheerfully
[illegible] it him if he found her bill,
than he hoped, — he said yes [illegible]
than I feared. He is anxious to
be relieved partly of the care, that
is to have some one else attend
her, and he would come occasion
ally. We dont know yet what we
will do [illegible] is quite reluctant
to [illegible] but still says if [illegible]
[illegible] thinks she would gain faster
that way, she would be willing to
do so. I wish we could have your
advice — it would be so [illegible] if
you could run home and
see her. We have never felt so
alone with a sick one, but
trust we will be guided to do what
is right. We have noticed for some
time than when we drop the spuma
in water it sinks. [illegible]
to the bottom, and sometimes hard

[illegible] It [illegible] us attach much
weight to this, [illegible] if [illegible]
globules were mined with it [illegible]
would rise — and still might [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. He still
does not encourage us that [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] about you — [illegible]
[illegible] better! [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible], but
[illegible] [illegible] to write [illegible].
[illegible] is [illegible] [illegible]! [illegible]
[illegible] to write [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Owen Evans is to be
[illegible] in [illegible]
of Morgan [illegible] who
resigned on account
of [illegible] — the
change will probably
be made very soon.

Remsen July 3[illegible] [illegible]

My Dear Sister,

I am sorry not to have sent you a letter, to reach you before Sunday, but the week has slipped by, and Saturday morn. come, and still no letter has been sent to you. We received yours two or three days ago. There is no especial news to write. We are all about as well as usual — Sarah side is much better, though not well — it pains her to cough or take a very deep breath. She has raised a little rust colored sputa several times this week — though [illegible] a little. Dr. Wins has not been here since you left — nor have I seen him — will try to see him today or Monday. S. has taken two rides this week, it has been too damp for her

go out a good deal of the time. She is almost discouraged about the camping out project, as the weather is so damp and cold a great deal of the time, and she does not gain as fast as she expected. She has lost a good deal of time ~~these~~ with this last cold. I think she will be able to ride today, though it looks as if it was going to be showery. Monday. This letter is still here, but must go some way today. Jennie talks of going to try on her calico dress which Jane Ann Thomas is making for her, and will take it to the mail. Lizzie has gone to the Thousand Islands - she had a letter of invitation from Ella about a week ago, and started from here Wednesday, - was going to Utica first to get Jessie to go with her. We expect her here

to finish her visit when she returns. S. is joining this week, though her side still troubles her some. I saw Dr. W. Saturday — he was going to Utica for the Sabbath, — promised to come up some time this week. I took a ride today and yesterday — and both days we drove in to Jane's yard — she stood it well. It has been so cold and damp that we have not used the hammock much since you were here — Dr. does not think it a very safe thing for S., as it is so easy to take cold in it. I dont know what to say about Dunellan, but thank you for making inquiries. It seems a great undertaking to go so far. — I hope the way will be made clear what is best for us to do before the cold weather sets in. Is the climate more mild there.

or what is the advantage of the place? Is it on the sea shore? Edward seems to be doing very well, I think. He has been travelling around so that he does not get our letters very regularly. I am glad you have written to him, and especially to John. We have had only one letter from him since Lewis's death. Sarah wants me to tell you that the things you sent from Utica were very nice. The bananas are not all gone yet and are keeping well. The new potatoes were quite a treat. We are getting them from our garden now, with peas. How have you been since you came back? Will you be making a change the first of this month? It is hard from you soon.

Your loving sister Anna Everett

Home, Sept. 27 1[illegible]

My dear Sister

We were very sorry to hear that you have been having trouble with that arm on your back. I suppose it was best for you to have it removed though it must have been very painful. It will be welcome to hear again now you are. It being so near the spring must have made the march of trying it seem not so severe, but I hope the worst is over and that you will soon be able to write after it heals. The troops in this neighborhood have not passed. [illegible] and Lucius went together to Long Island and then I had such a good time. Now I want to see you [illegible] [illegible] has it [illegible] feel

[illegible] it [illegible] so [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the meeting was not [illegible]
[illegible] church this year. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] many.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible] disappointed [illegible] [illegible]
especially as we knew [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
here all summer, and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] so glad to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. But I dont want you to think
[illegible] [illegible] pining away — I think we shall
[illegible] able to survive the disappointment,
— guess we shall have to settle with [illegible]
about it sometimes. You will
probably have heard that the case of the Cenhadwr
was brought up before the Cymanfa. I
We understand that the ministers were
quite anxious to keep it in the county
and it was finally sold for £1300.
[illegible] Davies, [illegible] — [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] this [illegible], [illegible] responsible
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] D. [illegible]
editor. [illegible] will take [illegible]
[illegible] 1st. This [illegible] [illegible]
it. We still feel quite undecided
to what is best to do for the [illegible]
winter. I talked a little [illegible]
[illegible] again yesterday. He says he thinks
it would be [illegible] better [illegible]
be [illegible] milder climate, but [illegible]
[illegible] advantages [illegible], would be
sufficient to balance the [illegible]
of leaving home, the fatigue [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] not [illegible]. Some of our friends
have suggested that we go to Utica [illegible]
I asked the [illegible] if he thought that would
[illegible] better for us than here. He said
[illegible] not much — it is not much more
mild there than here. With the [illegible]
that we have, it seems [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] but if

[illegible] it would be [illegible]
we would want to go [illegible]
[illegible] us pray that we may be guided to
do what is best and right. I suppose
you will be [illegible] your [illegible]
[illegible] next week [illegible]
[illegible] When you write [illegible]
what [illegible] your [illegible]
will be delivered, that we may know
when to think of you on the pro-
fessional chair. We have just [illegible]
a letter from brother Edward —
he intends to start on another trip
either to Ohio or [illegible]
[illegible]. Mate & the boys have [illegible]
staying some time at her brother
Jimmies and are quite well. [illegible]
Mate written you that [illegible]
[illegible] sick some time [illegible]
think [illegible] well [illegible]
[illegible] now. [illegible]
[illegible] to be quite [illegible]
[illegible] be [illegible]

Remember that [illegible]

My dear Sister

I wrote you [illegible]

about Sarah and said that I would write again after Dr. W had been here. He found S. better than he feared and says there is congestion of the bronchial tubes, and not of the lungs in consequence of taking cold. He thinks she will get better, but ~~doubts~~ say this will put her back a good deal — and he doubts whether she will ever [illegible] what she loses now, though she may. He gave us some [illegible] to apply to her chest. We got your letter this afternoon, but have not read it to S. as we do not want to excite her too much just now on the moving question. She has been so anxious and worried about [illegible]

[illegible] deserted that [illegible] well to [illegible] the winter that I think it has kept her from gaining as fast as she would. It would certainly be very nice if we could be with or near you, much pleasanter than to be in Dunellen or some such place, but it does not seem practicable now to think of going there — as I said this morning, there would be really no retired resting place — you do not probably mind that as much as we would — being used to city life and all its noise and confusion. You know [illegible] ways felt that New York is not [illegible] place for her, especially the damp sweeping winds of 34th St. though of course she would be willing to make another trial if the way seemed to open clearly. We cannot tell now whether she can take such a journey the winter or not. What do you

think of our going to Paris? I have not said anything to you about that. He kindly offers us the use of the two, and over rooms — the sitting room as it is, and the parlor to be furnished by us. It would seem less of an undertaking to go there than to G. but the climate is quite as old as theirs. The chief benefit of going there would be good roads at most any time through the winter, and we could keep our horse there, and get rides every pleasant day. Dr. W. thinks that would be good deal better than to stay here as the roads here are so often impassable — though we would like better a warmer climate. Mate talked with S. a good deal about this plan when she was here said if we lived by ourselves we could do a good deal of the cooking on her stove — and if at any time

and uncertain now, but I hope the light will dawn from some direction before long. Sovingly and hastily Anna.

She would not be able to be about the house, she would have a girl, and Jennie could see to things a little, see that the girl did the work properly &c. — While S & I were taking care of each other in the parlor or sitting room she thought it might not be very annoying to be, even if we should be there when she is sick. Do you think this a bad plan? We feel that we cannot see ahead of us very far — he is so poorly, and we dont know how strong she will be after this relapse. We had a card from John today — he is better than when he wrote last — had been troubled some with malarial symptoms. I am afraid this is a very poor letter — I hope you will not think we dont appreciate your kind offers, but that is not the case. It looks dark

[illegible] Thomson, Nov. [illegible]

My dear Sisters,

[illegible] some time before long, we would all be very to see you. W. C. writes more again [illegible]

[illegible] for coal, and I will try to get this card ready to send with him. This is a beautiful day. Sarah has been rather more feeble for the past two days — coughed more, and seemed not so strong. I am in hopes she will be some better today as it is so bright & pleasant, but cannot tell yet, as she is not dressed. She has coughed a good deal this morning, and consequently is not quite so [illegible] in dressing. She often says she wishes you were nearer, so you could come & see her. We do not think it necessary [illegible] is some, but

POSTAL CARD.

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER.

Mary H. Everett M.D.
433 W. 34th St
N.Y. City.

Rome, Nov. 1. 1867

My dear Sisters & Brother

We recd yours of 27th yesterday. As Jennie gives me a leave this time to write what letters I will throw in my mite with Cousin Jennie's good full letter. I wish to tell you something more of our business transactions. Did I tell you of our success in selling the bulk of the apples? Cousin C. sent the man here, and we sold him 20 bushels at 3 s. a bushel - taking them all through large and small - he did not want all the sweet apples - and in a day or two after him - Wm. W. Jones came and took 5 bus of sweet ones, all we thought we could spare, as we had promised Jennie two bushels - these last have not

been taken away yet. All will come to $10.12. The remainder of the apples we had looked over last Saturday and carried to the cellar. We have a good many cider apples which Mr. J. will take to the mill today probably - so we will have our vinegar barrel replenished. The goods are pretty good now - have [illegible] quite well since the rainy weather of the last few weeks. Today a man came for this [illegible] as Sniff J. calls her - he had been here last week, and bargained with me for her for $25, which he paid today. It was the largest offer I had had, and they all tell me it is a good price as [illegible] go this fall. Robbie had told me that he would give that for her unless I could get it from some one else, but if I could, I had better [illegible]

[illegible] like it much.

go. So we wrote to him immediately what we had done. Monday morning we sent 25 chickens (alive) to a man in Utica with whom Eddie had talked - and who had agreed to take them. I have not had the returns yet. Last week, we had Will. Maggie's husband, to go with G. Jones to our woods and cut. They brought us from there between 5 and 6 cords, pretty green but good wood. We had about 4 tons of coal pulling as a little over. Don't you think Hughes Everett & Co. are doing pretty thriving business? And the piece of business. - We had Griff Jones (Meth.) here for a couple of days putting the windows all around - and he is to bring us 6 new windows such as Jennie suggested for the sitting room and parlor, and a double window for my bed room

the one opposite the bed. Some time ago I wrote Dr. Berry, and J. Eddie called to see him - I told him as well as I could how I had been, and he sent me a new remedy which he considered would help my cough, (Lycopus Virg.) do you know any thing about it, Mary? After taking it a few days I commenced having dreadful pains in my head and shoulders, and for one day my stomach made a fuss, and I was quite nauseated. I stopped the Lycopus and after a little my head was better, though not quite right yet. I wrote again to the Dr. about it and yesterday had a reply from him - he advises a combination which is called I think Italian Cough Syrup. Perhaps -

He says, the Lycopus might affect my head in that way

Home Nov. 2

My dear Sister,

We received yours of the 23rd last night — thank you ever so much for answering my letter so promptly. Sara wishes me to say that she is very glad you are thinking of coming to see us before very long but she does not like to have you put yourself out of the way by coming — perhaps the way may open for you to come more easily in a few weeks — you must consult your own interests as well as ours. S. is a little better I think than when I wrote before, though not very much stronger. Dr. W. came to see her yesterday morning — he thought she seemed to hold her own very well, and that she was a little better

poor, but I think a little better than it has been, and when she thinks of any thing she could relish, we would like to get it for her if we could. She has had a woodcock sent her some time ago — and a partridge which she enjoyed, but not so well as that and in N.Y. We expect to have a goose for dinner to morrow and have invited Laurence and Caroline to help us eat it. C. is going to Durin next month. We failed to get Ellen Parry, as she had engaged to go to Mrs. Hughes the day before Jennie saw her. Mrs. H. expects to be sick in about two weeks. Carl promised shall us one day

next week but we mean to try to get a girl as soon as we can, as we feel that we need help. Give much love to Mrs. Jones and all inquiring friends as well as to Mary Everett Van Buren

than when he had seen her three weeks before — she was very poorly then). She was quite bright when he was here this last time, and talked a good deal, giving him a good impression of her strength I should think. But his visit used her up for the day — she was very much exhausted after it; and it was several hours before she could begin to rest. I suppose she got considerably excited as she had not seen him in so long a time, and as he came a little earlier in the morning than usual she was perhaps weaker. Today she tires very easily, and has seemed rather feeble. It tires her chest to talk, much quicker than it used to. She often does not feel it at the time, but is so long in getting rested afterward. We think she is a little better of the urinary trouble than she has been,

Lovingly
Anna
L'Everett.

I think any medicine is doing me good — my appetite is much better, and stomach behaves better

How are oranges now? Have they got to be prepared [illegible] and [illegible] good? I think [illegible]

but were glad to get the suggestions you gave. We think, from what you have written that Opium will be her remedy, and think we will try it, unless she is better in a day or two — perhaps we had better wait as long as that to see what the Dr's medicine will do for her — it does not seem to help her yet — this med. is Ergot. Dr. W. received a sample bottle the other day of a liquid which is claimed to be a generator of Ozone, by being placed in an open vessel over a gentle heat. He said he knew nothing of its merits and he has nothing to test it, — but he gave us the bottle to make a trial — said if it would do what it promises it would do us all good — so today we have had it on the stove — it gives a very gentle spicy, agreeable odor to the [illegible].

Aromatic Ozonized Liquid - prepared by Parke, Davis & Co. Manufacturing Chemists, Detroit, Mich.

I would like to know whether you know any thing about it - will copy the name from the bottle on the upper part of this page. Do you remember that Mrs. Jones gave S. a bird when she was sick in New York? - she brought it from Mr. Hogg's all ready roasted, - I think she had two of them - and gave S. one. I should think it was about the size of a dove, or a little smaller. Sarah has thought of that little bird I guess more than of any other thing she ever tasted - she says she enjoyed it so much, and was so good, she has wished a great many times that she could get another just like it. Please ask Mrs. Jones if she remembers what it was. Perhaps they are not in the market this time of the year. Her attachment is quite

Good night - my dear - hope we shall see you before my long - sorry you have not been well - are you better?

a comfort to us. We are hoping Edward will come to see us soon, but he does not find it easy to get away. — Pray that we may have a more realizing sense of God's power and willing near to help us. I believe I asked you before but you have not replied — Is mother's will and the paper of agreement between her and Lewis with you? We have [illegible] in pain here.

Saturday morn. — S. has a pain in her left side this morning, a ditch I should think. we hope it will not prove serious. but thought I had better mention it. she felt a little chilly on undressing last night, but soon got warm, and slept quite nicely — better than usual I think. This morning the pain commenced about the time I got up. We have put on warm salt bags, and given her Acon. & Bry. — she is some better now. I sclock but feels nervous after the warm applications. I hope she will not be any worse. Will write again Monday. If she is not better I think we shall send for the Dr. this afternoon.

Dear Mary, — After reading your letter and seeing how it is with you about coming home, I thought the next best thing to seeing you would be getting

or anything

goodies from you by express, often. It would show that you were thinking of her and loving her too. I remember when I have been homesick for loved ones how a letter or some little thing from them would bring them close to me and in my dreams they would be with me, and then in my waking hours the happy thoughts of what I had enjoyed would still linger for many days.

Would it be possible for you as you see or think of anything to be on the look out and send her a little package frequently - You might use of that P.O.O. allowance and you and we could pay the express charges here. Tell Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Thomas I'd to send some word now and then - You can hardly imagine how hungry we are for any little token of sympathy. We feel lonely with Sarah so sick and we so helpless - John Eddie is so cheerful and helpful, he is such

Jennie is writing very busily, - and the breakfast is waiting to be eaten, I have just got up - will only have time to write a few words as B. will go soon. I want to thank Lizzie for that pretty block of crazy patch work she sent me - and the many little pieces of silk. She must have taken a good deal of pains with it, and I know she does not have much time for such work. Give much love to her and Mrs. J. also Ayer & John when you see them. I am glad you had such a nice visit with Ayer

& got a diamond to ride with G. G. to Jane's after tea she brought me home and in the evening we had a visit from R. Hughes & Jane —

but sorry you caused Mrs J. so much uneasiness. She must learn not to mind your harum scarumness. I wish you could all step in and take breakfast with us. Good eve now

Your loving sister
Anna L. Everett

J. R. G. called here yesterday to see Mr. T. the left. Mrs G. at the girls — They the girls are both poorly — & went (rode) with him so as to see them — Carrie had had a fainting turn Monday — is pretty well again but L. is poorly — Whine then

Fabric is to take ten of our bullets,
and pay us the same as we get for the
others — this will make the flask a
good deal more manageable and
controllable. Have you had the clock
from Twin? I have not heard from
there, but suppose it has gone by you
if not, shall I send some money to
you. I thought I had better pay before
some of this that has come in now,
and finish settling the bills that
are standing — if there should be any
more, shall I send it to you? We
had Mr. Parkhurst here last week to
plough for us — he ploughed the meadow
north west of the house ready for

and the patch where the corn and
potatoes were this summer I have
not paid him or Will yet I will
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] letter. You [illegible]
[illegible] much for you. Yesterday [illegible]
received the little package of sweet[illegible]
which you sent. and you ought to have
seen Jennie and me as we sat munching
the candy, and trying to imagine the
time you had making it, and putting
up the little parcel to send us. What
shall we send you? Some pumpkin
pie and cold chicken, or what
[illegible] you all [illegible]
Your [illegible]

Our [illegible] that [illegible]
[illegible] distress [illegible]
surgeons found [illegible]
by them = thought
till [illegible] got it
[illegible] 9 inches
[illegible] brain
[illegible] it
[illegible] our
[illegible] Daniel
[illegible] Boston.
[illegible] it - for the
[illegible] Boston.
- for #50. 11.
We glad to
receive of
dispose of
and hope to
[illegible] Dec 13,
[illegible] day
[illegible] Dear
[illegible] October
[illegible]

, as several days have passed
since we have written. It has not been
because we do not think of you often,
very often, but it seems hard to
[illegible] strength to write much.
Too, we are looking every day for a letter
from you, - hope today's mail will
bring one. Dr. H. was here to see Sarah last
[illegible] and seems a little
[illegible] as he was here before. He thought
she had failed in strength, [illegible]
well she had - not [illegible]
[illegible] that. It took her last
and I cannot see that she gains any more.
[illegible] more home, [illegible] we do not see
[illegible] be [illegible]
and [illegible] good [illegible]
[illegible] Hard [illegible]

[illegible] of pain in her left side, indeed
I [illegible] not think it has left [illegible]
[illegible] than, [illegible] worse today [illegible].
[illegible] her lung was in a bad condition
and that she had circumscribed [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] ment to rub it, and
prescribed dry cupping, which [illegible]
[illegible] help it, — and is not very [illegible]
[illegible] as it is done with [illegible]
[illegible] all, and without fire. [illegible]
[illegible] tempt her appetite all [illegible]
could. — and to give her all the
milk she can take. This she takes
now, with a little French Brandy, or
Bourbon Whiskey, which makes it
set better on her stomach. [illegible]
[illegible] take [illegible] little [illegible]
so. She told the [illegible] that [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] made [illegible]

[illegible] nights [illegible] [illegible]
bed and pillows [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and it is very [illegible]. [illegible]
we will both [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
could not keep the cloth [illegible]
[illegible] around her shoulders and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], though [illegible] the first
night [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
I not say any thing about [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] night [illegible]
He had shaken some time [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from
[illegible], and yesterday [illegible] [illegible]
mother came and brought it,
and today [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], which we had asked
Ellen Price to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
you [illegible] we will be pretty well provided
for, at present. Perhaps you
had better not send [illegible] [illegible] more
just now. Besides these, Mrs. [illegible]
[illegible] came yesterday [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of a chicken and [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and three [illegible]
from Mary & Jane Jones. John W. G.
[illegible] is such a little
[illegible] you see our
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
a great deal to tempt the failing
appetite. Libbie & Mary [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I wish to thank you for those under-
waists that you left home. I am wearing
the smallest now and it fits nicely, and I can wear
the other very well also tho' it is a little
large. I was needing some very much
and these are appreciated! We are
having a thaw and rain today - but
we hope it will not spoil the sleighing - Please
give love to Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Jones & Mrs Winston, Mrs. Askins and
accept much yourself - Write soon - A. & J. E. -

[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] took [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] home [illegible] some-
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] you, and she often says [illegible]
"not [illegible] she [illegible] me"
[illegible] but it seems [illegible] she
was [illegible] you. Would you
be [illegible] much [illegible] to spend next
Sabbath! [illegible]
[illegible] me, [illegible] wish [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
time, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible] — but cannot take much [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] hard for her to swallow. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] oatmeal [illegible] strained
[illegible] the milk. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] but [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] her [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] as you can, — S. often asks if we
have had a letter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Hope you [illegible] me
[illegible] two [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Jan. 26. 18[illegible]2.

My dear Sister,

We have heard nothing from you since you left but hope to have a letter tonight. Sarah had a very poor, restless night, the first after you went, was very sick from one to half past three — vomiting and coughing at first, which made her so weak & exhausted that I was most afraid she would not rally — was rather better through the day yesterday. Last night the first part, she rested some better, was again attacked with a coughing spell about the same time — she had not raised much for some time, and had a very hard time trying to raise at that time. She seemed brighter for a time

after our coffee this morning, then about 10 o'clock, she seemed to wilt, and did not rally for three or four hours, could not rest at all, and seemed very much exhausted and too tired almost to answer when spoken to. This afternoon she had a good sleep after her bath, and is a good deal better, though still very weak. I wish I could see her the afternoon after you left, she was feeling very poorly when he was here, owing to our having to build over the fire, and perhaps your starting too, so he did not see her in a favorable time — said he found her very weak, and liable he thought, to drop away at any time. He was very sorry you were obliged to go. I think probably her lassitude

today is partly owing to the change in the weather, as it is very mild and raining. We noticed a little blood in her hands yesterday, and still more today. and there is more in her feet than when you went away. the right foot is almost as bad as the left now. I try to give the remedies as you advised - last night gave Tartar Em. a good many times. I am afraid the phlegms are going to trouble her. The [illegible] was worse yesterday, but better today again - we gave Nit. Ac. for this.

Anna.

[illegible] March 3, 18[illegible]

My dear Sister,

[illegible] to write to you — and thought I would write a letter at the same time. It was very hard work for [illegible] to [illegible] inclined to [illegible] myself to the [illegible] of anything. Though I am generally pretty well, but [illegible] strong. You ask if I have taken all the beef tonic, — I take about a tablespoonful at a dose, so it has lasted pretty well, and is not all gone yet. I have had some disturbance with my stomach for a few days, and have found the [illegible] caused a soreness of the stomach, so I thought best to leave it for a day

or two - Jennie & I have had pretty hard colds - hers is some better, I believe, and don't know but mine is, too. I felt very weak before coming from home, and went to Dr Williams for some medicine - however we - some kind of a tonic, "Elixir of Lolyoid" I think he said it was. He said I was suffering from the effects of the long strain and that it was surprising that I stood it so well, and had not suffered more from the reaction. He thought we were doing the best thing to come away for a while. As the close proximity of any severe sickness would not be well for us just now. He did not think there would be much danger of contagion. But thought very decidedly

we had "better go" — He was so
ready and decided in giving
his advice that I thought perhaps
you had written him about it —
did I guess rightly? I am much
obliged to you for your invitation
to visit you this spring, but hardly
think it would be best for me
to go and leave Jennie, though I
dont know as I am much of a
comfort to her still I would not feel easy to go and leave her
[illegible] are having a
good visit here, and trying to
get rested — the baby is a great
comfort and company for us all,
he is very sweet and very good.
I think our [illegible] here will do
us good, and that probably it is
better for us to be here than anywhere
else just now, — we are having a
quiet, restful time. Yesterday was
the anniversary of dear Sherry's
death — how often are we reminded

by these anniversary days of the dear ones gone before, especially during the spring months. We dread to go home again, but think that when the spring [illegible] little and the time comes, perhaps it will not seem so hard. I will try to write a better letter next time - hope we may hear from you tonight - mistake you might share this visit with us. Lovingly your sister

Anna.

Home. Feb. 8. 1884.

My dear Sister,

I have only a few minutes to write before it will be time for Fr. to go, but I feel that you will be looking for a letter by Saturday night. We have heard nothing from you since the card from Newark — we suppose you are with the cousins, or in N. Y. again by this time, and perhaps are making preparation to come home. When may we expect to see you? we shall be very glad to see you once more. There is prospect of having a crust to walk on soon, has rained a good deal this week — we have had quite a thaw — today it rains and freezes — making very slippery

walking. Jennie & Mary Ann Charles had planned to go to John R. G's today if the crust walking was good, but will hardly go now. Unless you have already bought the grapes, we think perhaps you had better not — they will be hard to carry and perhaps we had not better make a change in the wine this winter — better to begin in the proper season for them in the fall, then it will keep better. If you can bring a few oranges, all right. Do not put yourself out to get the fur for my cloak — I have worn it so far, and can finish the winter very well. Did you get the $10 P.O. order J.E. sent you a week ago? Let us know if you are short again. J. would like to have you get something to make kitchen aprons if convenient (but do not go out of your way — we can get it [illegible]). I don't know so then

is anything else that we want very much. Have you received the P.O. cards that we have forwarded from Hanover. There have been a good many. I do not see why they come all the time. Can you not make some arrangement before coming home to have your mail cared for? How is Cousin Thomas? Give our love to him when you see him, and we are thankful to hear that he is recovering. When are Lizzie and May going to write? We have been looking for their letters for some time. I hope they have not forgotten us. We have had nice letters from Cornell and Charlie lately. Twice we have not answered the last. Tell Cousin May I do intend to write to her before long. I do not forget that I owe

her a letter if hers was a short one. Give much love to all the cousins – and thank them for us for taking such good care of our young sister. We hope to hear from you soon, and to see you before long. Write that we may meet you.

Lovingly Emma & Jenie

Sat morning.
Jennie slept well
last night, and
made the fire
this A.M. — seems
to feel pretty well
though she looks
rather pale. I am
pretty well, my
head better than
when I wrote
before. It rains
a little this morn
[illegible] banking
the north side of
the house. E.K. [illegible]
preaches for us to
morrow. Mr. Hakes
gone on 2 weeks va-
cation to Dover, N.H.
Jennie wishes me to say
will write next time
she is busy now

Home, Oct. 17, 1884

My dear Sister,

Yours of 15th with the
$2 enclosed came last night,
after Jennie had gone to bed,
so I had the reading of it all
by myself. We are very much
obliged for the present. It was
too bad for you to show with
us the first fruits, as I fear
you need it yourself — you
cannot have a great deal
left of what you took from
home. It was very kind of
you to think of us. Jennie
says Ask her what we shall
get with it — can you suggest
anything? Jennie has been
suffering with one of her

Sent to Mrs. J. F. Higgin from
w. book
J. E.
seems
to be
getting
along
well in
Coll.
does not
write often
is still
boarding
in the
same
place.
Jane
Griffith
sister of
the man

old attacks of pain on the stomach & bowels, and vomiting. She commenced to feel sick about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and was quite sick all night and through the day today, till toward evening — she is much better — tonight, and seems quite natural. She tried Puls. faithfully at first, as that usually has helped her, then we tried Ipec., Cham., Nux and I dont know what else, but nothing seemed to take hold as it used to — she was nauseated all the time and had severe pains in st. & bowels at intervals. This morning we put on mustard plaster, which seemed to relieve some, but the pain would return. I gave her a dose of Sulph. this afternoon, and

who was killed last winter by a tree falling on him is very low with consumption. Love from your sister [illegible]

some time after Pulo. — and she is like another person tonight — thinks she will be all right tomorrow. She is knitting this evening, the first she has attempted to do today. I was very glad of Louisa's company & help this morning, as Thos. Davis is here, caring for that wood. She got the breakfast ready, and washed the dishes, swept the floor &c before going to school. Frankie did not come this week, as she had taken cold, and her mama wanted to do some sewing for her — hope she will come next week. L. said she had commenced a letter to you last Saturday — did she send it? I am ever so glad that your dresses

to go out some now. We heard from John a few days ago. He had some pain in his back — [illegible] He was feel if we knew what would [illegible] him to take. Have not answered yet — shall we say Bryn

suit so well. And that they do not seem out of date there in the big city. Your cheerful and happy letter did us lots of good. We are so glad you have made such a good beginning with your classes. I really think you are doing wonderfully well — and hope you will ~~get~~ be able to get on with the "rapid reviews" without being too much taxed. Thank you for writing so particularly about your work — shall hope to hear often. Jane was up this afternoon — she took tea at Mrs. [illegible]. She inquired for you, very kindly. Mr. [illegible] is gaining quite nicely — begins

Home, Jan. 3. 1

My dear Sister,

I am very sorry we failed to send you a letter yesterday morning, as I fear this will not reach you before the Sabbath, and you may be expecting to hear from us today. I must tell you how busy we have been the past two or three days - beginning with the New Year. Thursday we thought we were going to have a quiet time, and Jennie had settled down in the afternoon to making apple jelly, J.E. helping her and I resting in the bedroom, when all at once I heard a "Happy New Year" in the sitting room -

We are all much pleased with your photo - and [illegible] to the New Orleans Exposition.

Mr. Hughes preached his farewell sermon last Sunday morning, and expected to at his new charge next Sunday, but was taken sick on the night of the donation we [illegible] better the last we [illegible] and will not [illegible] this week. [illegible]

When I came out, I found
Jane, Nina, Clara and Frank
were here. Jennie put her work
away — and we spent a
very pleasant afternoon, [illegible]
[illegible], Wm D. called, but
did not stay long — he is to preach
here next Sunday. In the evening
I thought she would finish her
jelly — when there came a rap
on the door, announcing Mrs
Davies & Ellen, and Mr. Hall
who teaches their school and
boards with them, and three
of the Pirnies two daughters
and a son, — they staid till
after eleven — and all had
a nice time I think. Yesterday, S. Griffith Folks had
arranged to send for us — so
we all went a little before
dinner, and came home

We men are here cutting wood for [illegible]

early in the evening, having had a nice time. Frankie is bright and pretty as ever. Timothy is at home. Expects to return to N.Y. early next week Monday I believe. Thank you for the box you sent with him - she dolls were funny, and the chocolates very good and sweet - and quite a treat (That's poetry) I ought to have begun my story at the earlier part of the week - as it has been a busy and eventful week all through. The boys were here since Saturday - and returned to Turin Wednesday, so we entertained them as well as we could in the short time they were here. The donation for Mr. H. was Tuesday night. We baked two fruit-cakes for that and one

ginger cake, with lemon filling
all frosted. [illegible] and J. E.
went — the rest of us kept house
and made molasses candy and
pop corn balls. I took some
cold Sunday, and had quite
a [illegible] in my right side for
two or three days — it is much
better now, though not quite well.
I made an elephant to send
to little Robbie — of the kitten
[illegible] [illegible]. Timothy asked
me yesterday if you had told us
how you had burned your face
sometime ago. I said no, and
he told us how it was — you must
be careful, dear, how you use chemicals.
We are very thankful your eyes did
not suffer. If you do such a thing

[illegible] because he wanted to [illegible] been [illegible] here? [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] better than [illegible] letter [illegible] J. E. goes back next Wednesday [illegible] to Mrs. Jardine's and [illegible] yourself [illegible] Anna E.

came last night — also the [illegible] Tuesday evening, and the letter before Sat: evening — You have been so good that I do not know how to account for our badness — We did not intend to neglect writing just as soon as the things came — but — someway we were hindered. We think those little collars and the primers are just the things for the children — we have mislaid your letter saying how they are to be distributed but we will no doubt find it again —

to Utica — Anna had that $5 you gave her but — we did not like to give that so she gave him an order on the Bank. He took dinner with cousin M. and when he got to the market he found Alex gone & the B. book locked in the safe — Henry had $25 from Alex — a present — so he took $5 of that to pay his way to Binghamton — We also have been supplied having $12 for S.S. books —

[illegible] the dear — [illegible] Love [illegible] his bottle —

Wish we could have been with you to see Azia — Give our love to them and tell A. I have not forgotten I am owing her a letter —

Time is so short that I must hasten — George is taking his breakfast and will be starting pretty soon — Mr. P is quite sick — has kept his bed most of the week — he took cold and has been troubled with his stomach and coughed a good deal — is some better this a.m. Mrs. P. is well —

Did we write that Maggie and Judson had been home — They started Friday with their horse and cutter — found the sleighing pretty bad — no snow at all for several miles near Boonville — they came as far as

Evan Jones' that night - and
the next day went on to Robbie's
where they stayed that night - Sun-
day morning they came home
and we saw them in church.
They expected to go back Tuesday
and having so short a time &
so many calls to make thought
they might come over here for
a little time in the p.m. but
they were not sure. So J. L. went
to church - he had not been
before since coming home.
He found them both there &
rode up with them - and
promised to call there in
the evening. As there was
no meeting in our church
A & I decided to go with
him. We had a pleasant
evening. The weather was
mild - by Tuesday a rain set-

in and they waited till Wed=
nesday then it was cold and
pretty stormy but they went
left their buggy and took jane
spring board — Yesterday was
very pleasant with just enough
snow to make nice sleighing —
It seemed too bad they had not
waited —

Alm E. left Wednesday morning
— The Griffith young folks were
here Tuesday evening — You
ought to have seen J. E —
when he got his handkerchief
— Cousin M. had sent him one
— a white silk pocket handkerchief
and he is well supplied now
— we let him have those linen
ones you sent —

We were pretty short of cash
when he left and could only
get together enough — borrowing
all the miss. coll. to pay his wa

Home, Jan. 20, 1885.

My dear Sister,

As I was looking over a pile of letters that was on the bureau yesterday, I found this one from Dr. Jones, not opened. It had been sent to E. 37th St. and forwarded here. It must have come very soon after you left. I do not see how we overlooked it. Hope our carelessness will not make you much trouble.

We received your letter last night. I am very glad you are well of your cold, and perhaps better than before you took it. You ask where we are going to fly to. Will Utica first, and perhaps [illegible]

afterward. It will depend a good deal on the weather and how your weak sister stands the visit in Utica. You know we have been planning a visit to Cousin M. for a long time. J. E. will come and spend a Sabbath with us there. I do not think we will have all things arranged so as to go before next week and do not want to start from home in very cold weather - so it is uncertain when we will get away. I dread going a good deal, but take it may do us both good. My head is better than it was last week but not quite as well as it has been. I think Bell helped me when I had that painful

throbbing and full feeling.
Mr. & Mrs. G. have both been
sick for about two weeks
are both better now, though
he does not go out yet. I
heard his voice at family wor-
ship this morning — the
first time for a good while.
She was only ~~a few~~ two or three days un-
able to do her work — then
G. took charge. H. R. Williams
Plainfield preached for us
the two last Sabbaths. He
called here once & inquired
very kindly for you. How we would
be do for our pastor? Mr.
T. thinks he would like to
come — but this is only a
surmise — don't say anything
about it. She has given
up his charge, and they say is
looking for a place. He told Mr.

P. that he thought he would like to live around here. Mr. Hughes went last week — failed to go the two first Sabbaths to his new appointment on account of his sickness. We heard last week that Dr. Williams was quite sick. There is diphtheria and black measles around Farmstfort — we heard that there were 53 deaths in two weeks — I have been looking over your old letter which gives directions for the treatment of diphtheria — but hope it will not come here. A great many are complaining of heavy colds but we have been mercifully spared so far. Jennie often says

she feels so much better this winter than last summer. I am a good deal better too — the people tell me I look first rate. We had a nice little visit from Dr. E. only it was so short. Love from us both. Your sister Anna

Home, Feb. 13. 1885.

My dear Sister,

This has been a storing week, the greatest storm of the season, here. There is more snow than we have had before, and the roads are pretty badly filled. The storm has cleared away however, and today is bright and cold. Jennie went to Thomson yesterday with her snow shoes, and got your letter together with one from Mr John and one from J. Eddie. A good full letter from John, though the tone is a little sad - yet he says his health is better than usual. Both he and J. E. inquire for you - it seems you do not write many letters. We are thankful you continue so faithful to us. We are

enjoying the goodies you [illegible] us.
The cream chocolate is delicious. Have
you had any? The con. milk comes
in nice now, as we do not have
any of the other kind now, only what
Jennie occasionally gets from
some of our neighbors. I had been
longing for some of those little sweet
crackers before the box came, and
have enjoyed them very much.
We have not opened many of the
cans yet — but almost every meal
we have something to remind us
of our New York sister. Jennie
does not take the Coca — she thinks
she is so well that she does not
need it. I have taken it faithfully
till within a day or two. I seem to
have got sick of it — or have a dread
of taking it — my mouth and throat are sore, and

there is a feeling of rawness from my throat to my stomach - not very bad - but uncomfortable - could it be caused by the coca being too stimulating. I thought perhaps I had better leave it for a little, and you write what you think.

Did we write you of the death of Wm Griffith, Haullawen - about two weeks ago - Eunice Roberts has been very sick indeed but is some better though still quite low. Mrs. Richd P. Roberts, daughter of Howland Anthony died about a week ago - it is supposed from poison inhaled while coloring rags for a carpet - she left a husband and 3 children, all nearly grown.

Anna has left a little room for me which I would gladly fill with my own gossip but I suppose you would prefer something from J's letter - We have used all our paper but this heavy kind - Excusing himself for not writing oftener - "I cannot very well write after night - When I get a letter I think I will answer it immediately, But immediately means too often tomorrow and the tomorrow relates. When it comes it is today and it is tomorrow I will write. xx We have had a very cold winter from Dec 14 till within about a week - now the snow is nearly all gone and it is spring like, with an off sun, and very little frost nights, It is very m

It is a half day's journey almost to go to the post office and back — My health is better than common, but of course am failing in strength. I generally lie down for an hour or two after dinner, but am around enough after night to make up for it. My life is uneventful. I have 4! head of cattle to look after — cows and heifers and last spring heifer calves. and eight head of horses. Feed for stock is scarce. I have to buy, and will have to buy more ~~than~~ is Mary doing in New York Does she practice any in addition to her college duties. I am sorry it is poorly. Lactopeptine is a — I must stop here as G. is starting

Wed. Marn. Feb. 18/85

Owing to the storm, Jennie's letter written night before last has not yet been sent; so I will write a little to go with it hoping we may send it today. It is clear and pleasant the morning after two very snowy storm days and the roads are filled. J. has some thoughts of going on snow shoes this morning. G. has the asthma, and does not know as he will go. We learn by the papers that there has been much rain in N.Y. and a flood — we are anxious to know how much it has affected you. Shall hope to hear from you today or tomorrow. Has it been anything very unusual? We have not seen the account, only heard Mr. P. speak of a last night — we do not like to ask to borrow their paper till they are through reading it. Do you keep pretty

and fancied it and asked me to make her she had to fur the fats of an old fashioned collar. [illegible]

well yet? Be careful not to take cold if you can help it — and take good care of yourself. My mouth and throat are some better, but still troublesome. There is a good deal of tenderness inside my lips and cheeks, also my tongue and throat. What shall I take for it? We think we are very fortunate in keeping as well as we are — have had no very hard colds this winter. Eunice is very sick all the time. The last we heard from there they were fearful she would have the typhoid fever. Caroline is with her all the time I think, and Laura goes there some. Ellen G. (John B.) is there also, and a cousin of Eunice, who has been boarding with her this winter and going to school. There are a good many cases of measles in the village. We are making a skirt for Jennie, out of an old coat, and some other pieces — think it will be quite pretty and comfortable.

Home, Feb. 23, 1885

My dear Sister,

I do not remember when our last to you was written, but thought perhaps a short letter will not come amiss, even if you are not expecting one just now. I write especially now to tell you of Maggie's sickness. I am had two letters from them last week, saying that she was quite well with congestion of the liver after getting the second letter, she went up Thursday. We had a short letter from Edward today, written Saturday, and he says they fear she has the Typhoid fever. He says she is quite weak - hope we may hear something more favorable tomorrow. We don't know when Jane will come home but E. says in his letter that she intended to stay till Tuesday, but that was her intention when she

went up - Jennie washed the morning - a large wash - and as it was a nice bright day was anxious to get the clothes on the line - so she stepped into her snow shoes, and put the line, which was but a little above the snow - two or three feet higher in the trees - and so had a beautiful place to hang them. and they are all nearly dry tonight. I am a good deal better than last week - I think your prescription helped my sore mouth - merc. I had not thought of it. It is nearly well. I went to church yesterday morning - the first out I have had in over two weeks. J. R. Griffith Floyd preached. A pretty good congregation considering the weather & roads. Jennie has been travelling about a good deal lately among the neighbors.

She is more independent than
most of us — and seems to go best
when the obstacles to others seem the
greatest. She has been several times
lately to see Mrs. Price, is Hannah
is in the village, taking care of
the girls who have all had the measles
— they are getting better now, and she hopes
to come home soon. Mrs. P. seems
glad to have J. call on her — she
took her some baked sweet and some of the brook trout which
apples you sent one
day — and another day an apple
pie — and has made her bed for
her two or three times. We had a
short letter from John again Saturday
night, dated Feb. 17 — Jennie has written to him
several times lately — hoping to spur
him up to writing oftener. He says,
"We had another snow storm Saturday
night — Yesterday morning was very cold-
ther. — 5 an hour after sunrise. This morn-
ing is very pleasant and mild. My health is
better than common this winter."

Tues. morning. — A few words more and I must close. It looks as if we were to have another storm, we have had very stormy weather for two or three weeks — and very cold most of the time for two months. Still we keep very comfortable, and get along nicely. J. is going to the village with George this morning — to return at noon — she is having a calico dress made by Jane Ann Y. Love to Mrs. J. Lizzie and yourself — Anna

Utica, Mar. 20. 1885.

My dear sister, —

Your letter came two days ago, and I [illegible] looking [illegible] and wondering what I would contain. This morning I came [illegible] a bright little package it was — you are very kind for remembering me. The pieces for [illegible] patchwork are beautiful — also the Christmas needle book, it is just what I needed. I know Dr. E. will be pleased with the neck tie ribbon. I made him the blue and black one below, and it looks very pretty. Had a letter from him the same days as yours, also one from Jennie. And one from

there E. yesterday. So you
are quite favored. It is
very pleasant here, though it con-
tinues very cold, the mer. has
gone down to zero and below several
times this month. So the snow
does not get much less yet.
I had a letter this morning to
Jennie from Mr. Prichard's daugh-
ter, Mary Ann, in answer to one
she wrote to Mr. & Mrs. P. before
she went away. She says there
is a great deal of snow there
yet. Mr. P.'s folks are well. Eunice
continues quite poorly. Father
E. tells me that the last he
heard from Maggie, she was im-
proving quite slowly. Mrs Pierce
Williams was quite sick with
pleuro pneumonia. Is that worse
than pneumonia? Alex is
putting a new furnace in
his house. There has been no

fire - left in the old one
this winter, and the frost
has injured it, so he had to
put in a new one. I don't
know as I can tell you ex-
actly where the house is - but
it is a little above Oneida
Square - perhaps five or six
blocks above this on Genesee
St. It is a very pretty location
and the cousins will have
a good many of their friends
near them. We heard yesterday from
home by a postal from Stevens
that Marjorie is sick with scarlet
fever, and as Bessie is here
she will not go home at present.
She has had it, but Jennie or
Ella have not. We don't know
how sick Marjorie is. Hope
Cousin M. will not be obliged
to go there, as she is not as strong
as she was before her sickness

[illegible]

last summer. Do you keep as busy as ever now? I am glad you had that nice present from your class — it was very pleasant to be remembered. Jennie seems to be having a good time, — she spoke in her last letter of inviting Lizzie and the little girls to come home with her — and spend the summer. Did she write you anything about it? do you think we could make it pleasant for them and not too hard for you and Jennie? Lizzie is not very well, and I thought Jerhaps you could benefit her — what do you think of the idea? I wrote Jennie that we should be very glad to see them, but did not know how [illegible]

[illegible] Jennie — way of living — but I [illegible]

Utica, Mar. 28. 1885.

My dear Sister,

Your postal came this morning, also the invitation cards. I remailed the one to cousin Mary Ann, as she is in Chicago. She only stayed here from Thursday till Monday — so has been gone nearly two weeks. Cousin M. says "Where we are much obliged for the invitation" I would like very much to be there, but do not think it will be best for me to go now. I hope to see you at home soon now, and ~~I suppose~~ that will be most as good. Will your duties there

close with the Commencement?
How soon will you be
coming home? Do not hurry
away, if you want to stay longer,
do you expect to attend any lectures
before coming home? If it will
be any advantage for you to stay
for lectures, or any thing else,
you had better do so — only come
away before the cholera gets
there, or if there seems to be
much sickness there, I would
not stay. Have you seen
Annie Ellis again? I am so
sorry for her — do you think
she will be home? Give my
love to her if you see her
again. Will she come to Wales
for this summer? Have you
seen Mrs. Jones lately? Does she
talk of coming up this way this
summer? You ask whether

J.E. received his birthday card
and your photo. Yes, he either
told us when he was here, or
wrote about receiving them,
Has he not written you lately?
I think he was very much
pleased to get them, but does
not write often. It is over
week, or nearly two weeks since
I heard from him. I think
he has been pretty busy lately.
His term closes next week,
It does by I think. We had a
letter from John last week,
a short one - he was well. I
sent the letter to Jo and
asked him to forward it to Jennie
as it was her letter. Had a
nice letter from Edward
yesterday. Cousin Alex is very
much engaged now, putting
some improvements and

repairs in the new house, and
that in addition to his other
duties makes it very hard.
He seems very tired - they will
be very glad when all is ready
so they can move. Expect to be
ready to [illegible] some time in
April - probably in about two
weeks or so. Fannie has been
at the other house a good deal
of the time this week, and
has been having a woman clean
one day - Love from us [illegible]
[illegible] Fannie.

Remsen, Nov. 8, 1887

My dear Sister, -

I send you a few blanks as you requested. I have but a few moments to write, as Jennie is going to the village as soon as breakfast is over after Mary Evans, who has promised to come today to make my flannel wrapper. Yesterday was a very pleasant, mild day, and we took a ride to the village, drove around to engage Mary to come, and then went to John R. Griffiths - stand about two hours or so, and had "to back" - came home by four o'clock - and found that Libbie had been here, and taken 10 pullets which they had engaged before. I feel quite nicely this morning, only tired

of course. Mrs. Griffith and
all enquired very kindly for
you, and wished to be remem-
bered. She is quite smart you
here — has been to church once
whose that great preacher from
Wales, John Evans, Eglwys Bach.
Gone to Edwards for the all.
and especially the little
four weeks. By heart
[illegible]

Home, Nov. 17. 1887.

My dear Sisters, (Evening)

We have been greatly favored with letters this week having had three from you and one from Edward. Cousin Jennie went home Monday, with Robert who came up Saturday night. I have been unusually well this week and for a few days before better than for some time, though I do have some trouble with my head yet — aching and throbbing, but it is improving. I have a bottle of cough syrup which we procured of Dr. Williams, but have not commenced taking it yet. I think I will soon. Cousin J. said she would come again any time I send for her and will probably come soon any way.

Cousin Mary Everett has been here, went home to-day, and has promised to come again next week, to stay. Dont you think I am well cared for. I know you will be glad to know of this arrangement. I feel that she and I will be very happy together. I think I had not better try to do up the carpet to send till she comes. Will try to get together the things you desire, she can help me find them. I shall be glad to see the Youth's Com. again - shall I send them to you after reading, or to Frankie? If you think you will like to see them, I will send them to you. Frankie is here still, will stay till a week next Saturday. She has been reading "Eight Cousins" in which it tells of 7 boys and 1 girl. She thinks if she were at Uncle

~~tells~~ gives an answer to this question - ~~too~~ So I hope I - your last letter send as you direct. Will send soon after Mary comes.

Edwards she would be in about the same case as Rose in that story. She says she would like to go there to see how it would seem to be with her fine boy cousin. We had the pig butchered today - Owen Griffith and Mr. Parkhurst were here also Mrs. P. helped in the house. She has a turkey which she proposes we should eat together Thanksgiving day. Mary expects to be here then, so I think we will have them here, and help them eat the turkey. Have you received a letter from Mrs. P. She says she wrote to Jennie a few days ago. Rosa Thomas was very much pleased to get Jennie's letter. Glen mother, who has been twice to see me said she was going to answer it soon. Mrs. Robt R. Jones and

The pig was fed and nibble - she thought it might weigh nearly 150 pounds. I'm like [illegible] Jenny finally Did I tell you that I sold Sammy to Joseph Jones Trenton for $1150.

J. R. Griffith called to see me after church meeting today. Both have been once before - the meeting was not very fully attended. The minister had gone away to marry somebody - some couple I should say, I dont know who. Think this must be his first job. He has been here two or three times - and is pleasant as ever. Have not seen him very lately to give him Jennie's message. I understand that Mary Ellen Jones Sisty (Dwyros) has been to church meeting some, and expects to unite with the church soon - and that John Thomas' (Sixty) youngest daughter Mary Jane - thinks of uniting also. I will try to answer some of Jennie's questions. Have not

I don't want to
I thought
I would
write a
few words
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you a
big letter
if you
days &
send my
love to
all of you
& to
when you
see him
good by Lovingly Franklin

Wm Thomas since you went,
but understand that Dd Jones is
still keeping store in the shoe
shop, and that Delia is at home
with her mother. The Sunday
School has closed some time
ago - I have not seen the quar-
terlies do not know whether
they sent for any more. Mary
Ann Charles is in Utica for the
winter, working for Johnny Jones,
brother in law of Ellen. Hattie
Griffith is at home yet - she and
Ellen went to New York in the
fall - E. is still there I believe
at Timothy's. Mrs G. is much better.
Jane has been suffering some with
cold lately - was up here Sunday
evening with Frank - to visit
with cousin Robert. I got a letter

which you sent with her some time ago. She was glad to get your letter and intended an a swering soon. Nancy Price comes [illegible] occasionally - they are all pretty well - also by [illegible] and [illegible] I believe a though I do not see them often. You must not expect so much neighborhood gossip as if I were more able to mingle with the people - as I get little news but what comes to me. Mr. Cartwright's family have moved today to a part of Ellen William house. I do not know the reason. I think we will get a quarter of beef from Jane - she is fatting a cow.

Fri. 18th - We have just had supper, and Mr. J. asks if we would like to send to Remsen, as it is a pleasant evening, and there is a nice new moon. So I will close my letter, and send with him. Will answer Eddie's letter soon

Maggie sent her love - also Mr. J. and a bushel of love from your Anna

also those of Robbie and Eddie - the dear

Remsen March 20. 1888

Dear Cousins

We received one letter from you last night, & one this afternoon that Mr Cartright brought for us we were very glad ~~to~~ to be from you, & to know about the girls at the P. O. what a nice time German must have when he goes for the mail, so we must write often that he may have an excuse to go, & something to carry back when he does go to town. you spoke of horse radish in one of your letters & said "if May found a bare spot of ground when she was there I should

think you might be able to get some horse radish by now. Dear Cousin that spot did not remain bare only for a day or two & then it was covered up deeper than ever. you asked in your letter last night, "is the snow off the stoop yet" No indeed it is not & will not be for sometime it is five or six feet deep. the window in the kitchen is about half covered, or was untill today it has been raining all day & so has thawed & settled it a great deal I could not look out of the window without standing on my tip toes, (& you know I am very tall) but today I could see all over without. and as for the garden it will be sometime yet before we will be able to see it

we were very sorry to hear
that you had had your
neck so badly it must of
been very painful to have
such a lump on that on your
head, you must be very careful
in future or you might get
hurt very seriously.
did I tell you in my last
letter that Uncle Charles
has gone to Fort
he has been gone about two
weeks now, Mrs Willard came
over from the next house
this afternoon & made a call.
Cousin Alma caught cold
last week during that severe
storm but I think she is
getting over it ~~now~~ does
not cough now, I made some molas-
sas candy. & she took some
Hep. & Nux. & Phos. so I think
she ought to get over her

cold soon dont you?
Cousin Jennie Hughes wrote
last week that she was
homesick for a visit with
us & that she thought she
would come up sometime
this month, she will have
to come soon or the roads
will get in such a condition
that it will be hard for
her to come up here from
the depot. there is so much
snow in the roads & the Captain
said this afternoon that if the
snow in the roads was quite
soft, I feel very afraid to go
& that accounts for my letter
being so uninteresting but such
as it is it comes from a heart
full of love for my dear cousins
so far away as it seems to
me, but I hope the time is
not very far away when we

will all see each other

Rennes May 1[illegible]

My dear Sisters,

I will only write you a short letter today. Cousin K. and Marjorie have been here about a week, and are going home today. We have had a very nice visit — I was ever so glad to see them and have enjoyed their stay very much indeed. I received your joint letter together with the package of plants I think it was Friday night. The Larkspur violet did not seem to have wilted at all, and is standing up nicely in the garden — it is in the little bed that Thos Davies dug up last fall — also the lettuces which we think will grow. We have some lettuce seeds in the ground now

We have had one meal from our pie plants - and one little cutting from the swiss chards, to go with a few cow slips which Johnnie Cartwright brought me one day. Our hot bed seeds are coming up nicely. The garden is ploughed and we hope to get the seed in this week - some of them at least. The weather keeps pretty cool yet - but we have had some very warm days - which you may be sure Fenjoyed. The hay has just held out by buying ½ ton. Last night the cows were out for the first. We are raising only one calf - a fine one they say from the "new cow." It has the white nose indicating of Jersey breed. The little meadow north of the house was all ploughed up last fall, and I think will be seeded down

this spring. I will send you a few pansy seeds in this - we have not a great many, but there will be more for you to try.

Cousin Mary sends a great deal of love to you all, and says she is very much ashamed that she has not written more to you. She thinks she will do better but does not like to promise. She says she thinks of you as often as if she wrote oftener but we all know she is not much in the writing line. I will not write much now - hoping to better next time.

Hastily, and with very much love to all

Anna -

[illegible] But do [illegible] out-night.

[illegible] morning. As my letter has not gone, I will add a little this morning. Mrs. Hannah Jones called to see me yesterday after church. She inquired for you. She brought me a bouquet one she had carried to church, and brought away as there was no meeting there last evening. Right Davies & Ellen also came and staid till about time to go to the 2 o'clock meeting in the village. Jane called before they went away and after Mrs. Haddleton returned from afternoon meeting. Clara came for her with brunk colt and the carriage. So I had company all the afternoon. Mrs. H. takes our horse and goes to church whenever she came she is a Methodist. So I am feeling quite bright this morning more natural than any day for over a week. This is a beautiful day. Mr.

J. is digging potatoes - he thinks there
is a good crop and they are much
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
washing. Our kitchen and hall and
pantry look ever so nice after Eddie
painted them. Did I tell you of our
cold box which he made in the pantry
Here cut a hole in the pantry floor
and then made a box to fit it
which has slats nailed across the bottom
and a door with hinges on top. The box
is sunk in the floor [illegible] about
3 or 4 inches to come above - there is
also a door below in one side of it
so a dish can be set in from the
cellar. It is ever so nice and saves
a great many steps - I know you will
like it. Clara has taken the Sixty
school this fall - which opens tomorrow

Home, May 17 [illegible]

My dear Sister,

I am sorry you have been so anxious about me since hearing of my sickness. I did not mention it when I wrote as I was getting along nicely — and thought as you were so far away I would not give you cause for unnecessary uneasiness. About four weeks ago I was taken with a slight hemorrhage only a little — perhaps I had been overdoing and was exhausted — so had to give up more completely than I otherwise would. After two or three days I commenced having chills and sweatings — so thought I had better [illegible] Dr. Kingsbury as I had no one at home but Alice and [illegible]

He has been attending me since then — and I think is doing me good. I had no more chills after the first few days — or none of consequence. Am able to be up around the house some, and on warm days have been out in the yard. Alice has been a very nice and attentive nurse, and has taken good care of me. She is very kind and loyable, and is willing to do anything for me. My strength comes back pretty slowly — as usual — still I am gaining a little each day I think. The weather has been unfavorable for the most part this spring — cold and windy a good deal of the time. I have great hopes that I will gain faster when the warm days come. I wrote you a short letter about two days ago, before

[illegible]

Cousin Mary [illegible] [illegible]
home. Their visit [illegible]
of goods but was all too short [illegible]
[illegible] promised to come again soon
I am expecting cousin [illegible]
she was hindered from coming [illegible]
she planned [illegible] by housekeeping
and gardening — but said [illegible]
when they [illegible] a little [illegible]
pressure of [illegible] [illegible]
run up, perhaps without sending word
[illegible] Mary M. intends to come for
a few days after they [illegible]
with the spring hurry. Charlie Dorr
has a nice little [illegible] — and he has
bought another horse, so well
keep two [illegible] [illegible] Mary [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] when she was here
last Saturday. It is [illegible] [illegible]
a large horse and [illegible] pretty.
[illegible] [illegible] is [illegible] today [illegible]
[illegible] the ground which he [illegible]

The first brood of chickens are hatching out today

Rimson, May 22 [illegible]

My dear Sisters & Father

Writing the above date reminds me that it is the anniversary of our dear Frank's death — 12 years. How the years speed away do they not?

Wed. May 23 I left this hour yesterday to visit a little with cousin Mary [illegible] who is here with me now. She went home after her first visit of about a week — staid there about [illegible] and came again Monday. She is a dear good cousin as she is. She is a wonderful comfort to me, overseeing some and helping about the garden &c. Today [illegible] Williams [illegible] has helping clean a little — it will be [illegible] for me to have [illegible] forth day [illegible].

She is cleaning up stairs, while Alice is doing the baking and getting dinner. I think we will get along nicely. Will do as you suggest about not taking up carpets - at present at least. Will have the rooms swept and dusted and windows washed too. Alice cleaned the parlor but room day before yesterday and has commenced in the parlor. I do not mean to worry about much cleaning - will let it slide along - and in the mean time I am taken good care of by Cousin M. and Alice. So do not be uneasy about me in the least. I am gaining very nicely now - Cousin M. saw a wonderful change for the better after the week's absence, I feel stronger every day. We are having lovely weather now - mild and quiet, so I am able to go out considerable. [illegible]

with the two stories.

Mary: letter of May 17th this morning.
Am very sorry you have been so
anxious about me - I think you
must have had another letter from
me before this - which will relieve
your minds some. Cousin M. is
so good and kind, and very thought-
ful for me. She is in the kitchen
with Alice now, and is preparing
some pie plants for sauce. She brought
with her some cheese cloth for
curtains for my bed room windows,
which she is making as she can get
time. Marjorie is here with her,
and is out now playing with
Jennie's little girls - We have our
garden partly made - M.J. is sowing
peas today which I had soaking
since yesterday - some Am. Wonder
and Eng. Champions.

— I went out for a little swing
on the front stoop - and while

sitting them. Mr Cartwright came
down and brought some little
drout for my dinner wh ok
[illegible] caught yesterday. Wasn't
it kind of her. [illegible] I
took them. Mayor just brought
a large bogquet of dandelions - do
you have them down - my favorites
[illegible] I suppose
you are preparing to [illegible] Edwards
[illegible] Yours [illegible]
[illegible]

I will send it to Dearmatorne
so you may be there yet. Now
my dear - do not be uneasy
about me - I am going so
nicely - and have such [illegible]
kind friends to look after
me. I expect [illegible] [illegible]

Revere — July 9 [illegible]

My dear Sisters,

This pleasant Monday morning I am wondering if you are washing or what are you doing. We are not going to wash till Wednesday — then we will have Mrs. Evans come to do it — as we will have a large washing with Eddie's things and all the rest. Last week we had my bedroom papered — and the carpet taken up and cleaned and you ought to see it with the new cheese cloth curtains and all. Fannie selected the paper for us — I will send you a plan of it — or sample I suppose I ought to say, as it was sent from Utica. Genie came up and helped

a good part of two days. The room looks lovely – and as easy as can be. You will hardly know it when you come home. We get some poles for the curtains, which help furnish and look nicely. Alice's father fell last Friday and dislocated his left shoulder – he had had the same accident with the right shoulder about two weeks before. So he is quite a cripple now – He had been appointed to preach in Capel Isaf yesterday afternoon but was unable to do so – Saturday morning he sent here to ask if Eddie would fill the place – which he did. His text was John 1615 – I was very sorry not to be able to hear him – there was quite a good attendance. Cousin Mary M. and May came to see us on the 4th and spent the

day. Jane Esther was here the same
day to dinner - she came
from Elowell Jones where she
had been helping her aunt.
She has promised to come
and make a dress for
me before long - when I get
the material - What do you
think of my having a flannel
suit - jacket and dress. I have
sent to Utica to Gamine for
it - and am intending to
pay for it out of my first
interest from Ottawa. Perhaps
I may slip away from home a little
now and then if I have a
comfortable suit. Don't you
think I am getting wild? I have
had some nice rides - and enjoy
them - do not get satisfied with
them as I did last summer.
I do not have to take the down

comfortable, but wear my [illegible] clock
I am almost free from the chills
now, think I am really better
than last summer. I do get very
homesick to see you sometimes,
but on the whole am getting
along very comfortably - am
very happy in having Eddie
home. He is such a help and
comfort. He talks of writing to
you soon. We are both very [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
how you are standing the hot weather
of Kansas - do you find it much
warmer than here. I feel anxious
about Mary, as she does not usually
feel as well in hot weather.
[illegible] from us both to all there.
Your sister Anna.

Sat. morning May 19th — As my letter has not gone yet, I will add a little this A.M. before Mr. P. goes to the village. It is cold & wet, but looks some like clearing up. Mr. P. got some seeds in the garden yesterday before the rain. The hot bed is doing nicely — everything growing fast. The grass is beautifully green, and the trees becoming more and more green every day. Our [illegible] did not come out very early this spring — but some of them are in blossom now. I am feeling quite bright this morning — have been stirring about a good deal in the sitting room and kitchen. The cool stove still does service in the sitting room — but we will soon

have to have it exchanged for a smaller one, when the weather comes out a little warmer. Mr. Cartwright has fixed our garden rake for us - did I tell you that he has a young fox, which was found near Bethel - there was a nest of them. He brought it over for me to see the other day. It is about as large as a large kitten or a small cat - and is quite a curiosity. Mrs. C. brought the baby over on Sunday evening - he is pretty and good. Mr. Parkhurst does not carry any milk but his own this season. Ours is carried by Charlie Jones, 15 year old son of Rich. Jones. He comes once a day only. The greatest quantity we have had to my knowledge was 109 pounds. Do you remember how high it

went last year!

— Fanny has just come and sends her love — she says 'all them I came up to see you instead of writing to them.

Lovingly yours sister

Anna

[illegible]

Dear Sir [illegible]

I have not been [illegible] very well the past week — [illegible] one of my attacks last Saturday — [illegible] made me keep on the shady side of the world for a few days — I will not go into the particulars, as cousin Jennie promised to write you about it after she went home. I am gaining nicely [illegible] now — set up and walk around a good deal and this afternoon went to the garden and picked a beautiful bouquet of asters, verbena, phlox, ageratum &c. though the wind was blowing pretty [illegible]. [illegible] has been to see me [illegible] week — but does not consider it necessary to come again unless [illegible] for.

He does not consider my trouble serious at present and says if it were not for defective portal circulation, (Mary will understand the term) I might get pretty strong. He says the lung tissue and breathing powers is good — as I understand it, the trouble is mostly in the bronchial tubes and throat — he was not at home when I was taken worse — so we called in Dr. Swartout who was visiting Nancy Price there he only came once, and left medicine to last till Monday when Dr. Lingsley was expected home. His opinion of my case seemed to coincide very nearly with that of my doctor. I had a very short note from Eddie this afternoon just to say that he had reached there safely at 7.00 A.M. Wednesday Nell, and Gymnasia has passed by. — I did not see much of it, only the crowd around the

church — and a few callers. It was a [illegible] day, but the attendance was [illegible] compared with other years. The preaching was very good they say — there was a Mr. Thomas from Wales and Mr. Morris New York, besides the home ministers. Yesterday the meeting was at [illegible]. Edward Davies preaches in our church tomorrow. Mrs. Robt. R. Jones called to see me this afternoon. She rode with her husband, who was going to his farm — went from here to Lydia's where she would wait for a ride home. Lillie came to see me Monday, and staid till Wednesday — to help tidy up a little against the meeting. Her mother, who is staying with them this summer, came back with Mr. Jones when he took Lillie's horse. She staid one night and attended the meeting

[illegible] Libbie came home [illegible]
[illegible] evening [illegible] has been
quite sick last week but I [illegible]
[illegible] I think she had [illegible]
[illegible] like the [illegible] Libbie [illegible]
[illegible] her the day before [illegible]
[illegible] Minnie & [illegible]
[illegible] to Utica the [illegible]
to attend Mrs [illegible]
[illegible] winter [illegible] famed [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Pulman
[illegible]
[illegible] think they must
be [illegible] quite [illegible], from your
description [illegible]
your [illegible] the [illegible]
wagon [illegible]
that [illegible] badly hurt I
should think [illegible]

very [illegible]

Remsen, Oct 18 18[illegible]

My dear Sisters, —

Jennie's letter re-
ceived Saturday, also one from
Edward, with the Ex. Money
order $15 — How can I thank
you enough for all you do
for me. This is going to be a
great help to me to pay the
bills — I am still owing $90. to
Mrs. Haddleston, which she is
willing to wait for, but I want
to try to make it out as soon
as I can. I think I wrote

you of the letter I had from
Maggie - that Mrs. H. was no
better, but getting weaker. I
have not heard since - but do not
suppose she can live very long.
I had a letter from J. Eddie Sat-
urday - he is settled. I should
think, to stay at Anthony &
Harper, and seems happy in
his work. Cousin Annie came
to see us Saturday, after taking
Charlie to the train. She looks
pretty well. Owen Griffith
called Saturday - he was
passing - Cousin James's hire
girl, Louise also came
the same day, and went
to James yesterday afternoon
She expected to go home

to day, pane & Frank came over
yesterday. Frank offering to take
Louisa & Mary for a ride —
while pane staid here, and
we had a visit all to our
selves. Then when they came
home, we all had supper with
and they, & Louisa went home in time
to milk. Lizzie Hughes & her husband
were here last week too. —
You may be sure that all
these good friends inquire
very kindly for you and
John. Caroline walked over
one day — and was here to
tea — it is a long walk for
her — her limbs are weak. — and
she goes with a cane. You ask
about P. R. Griffith folks — only

[illegible]

Tuesday

Just a word today, before the letter goes. We do not get our mail as regularly as when Eddie was home. Home not had any since Saturday. Mrs. Ile is going to drive down today — will take and get the mails. I am feeling pretty well still — took a ride yesterday, so far as Thos. recalls it is a little more chilly today — so think I will not go. I shall look for a letter from you today — I was very sorry not to see Mrs. Allen on her way home, but do not blame her for not coming. Love to cash and all

from Armour —

89 Fort. St. Dec. 17, 18[illegible]

My dear Sister —

You will be looking for another letter I am sure. I have been gaining since I wrote you — am getting back my strength quite nicely. I have just been entertaining little two year old Kay, whose mama has gone down street and left the babies with grandma. I think this last attack I have had is quite similar to the grip which I had last

famous — indeed it seems
that it was almost the
same. I have gotten along
without a doctor, as good
cousin Lucy understands
sickness pretty well — and
has taken such good care
of me. I do not get go out
of my room — am sitting up
a good deal more and altogether
feel stronger today than before.
I see by the last Bromide Th.
that Clara Frankt is at home
on account of illness — have
not heard any thing else.
This must be a short letter
as I wish it to go today.
We had a call just a
minute this A.M. from

cousin Fannie. Cousin M.
calls very often since I have
been sick.

Lovingly your sister
Anna

I failed to do any thing with those lemons, you sent before going away - So we gave them to Mrs. P. We eat all the oranges and enjoyed them ever so much - We are going to have chocolate for supper and it is time I was making it - We almost finished that

Anna engaged it – so much
Milk Chocolate you sent, Mr. T.
churned this morning and gave
us all we wanted of fresh
buttermilk – Wish you were
here to get some too –

340 Gen. St. Utica, Jan. 27, 1891.

My dear Sisters.

Mary's letter mailed on the 24th received today. You say that Jennie is in bed as you write, do her feet trouble her much yet; perhaps it is rheumatism. Please tell me how she is when you write. I hope that she and all the rest will keep from getting sick. In my letter to Kolbie the other day I spoke of Uncle Hughes' ill turn. He is much better cousin Jennie writes me, so they hope he will recover from this. He is not strong, and seems failing somewhat — still is generally comfortable and happy. Of course he is cared for very tenderly by all the family. Do you hear

from Frankie once in a while. I had not heard from her in a long time, and a few days ago wrote her a letter, which I must confess I was sorry, and yesterday had an answer — which I will enclose. Clara's near the close of her term now — will graduate in about a week — I received a note, or card of invitation to the commencement exercises probably you too had one. I shall be relieved if she gets through without getting sick again — as she is not strong. You will soon be having a visit with J. Eddie — I would like to join the party and help eat that other turkey, though we have had turkey [illegible] or four times since I came here — We have plenty of oranges now — Cousin M. gets them by the ½ box. and I do enjoy them. Do you

have them? I should think you could get them quite cheaply there, and they would be good for Jennie & for you all. Cousin M. invites me to stay with her till the first of March — and I have promised to do so. — ~~she~~ ~~something unfavorable~~ and all the rest are very kind, and their home is so pleasant. Fannie and I expect to go soon to return Nettie Price's call. at Mrs. Roberts. As I have no modern wrap, Mary has let me wear her fur-lined circular — it fits me nicely and makes me feel quite fine. Fannie has a very pretty wrap which she does not wear now, of figured brocade velvet — which she has handed over to me to wear — and I am putting on the trimming — (feather trimming) It will be ever so nice and stylish.

I am not buying much of anything new in clothing this winter - have bought me a nice pair of warm gloves though, a kind of kid with lining - very comfortable and pretty - and a steel colored or grey tissue veil - both costing $2.00. Tell Lewis I will try to answer his letter soon - those pictures that he and Aline sent me are very nice - I think they are doing well with their crayons. Lewis' cat is three colored - I think those are the best kind. Much love to all the folks - from

Your Anna

340 Genesee St Utica
March 2 1882

My dear Sister

I received your and Robbie letter Saturday and you may be sure I was very glad to get it. I had written you the same day you wrote, which I hope you have received and that you feel easier about me. Cousin A very kindly extends her invitation to me to stay longer so I dont know but I had better do so. I will stay a little longer at least. you must not worry about me, everybody is so kind that I will not suffer. Cousin Lucy is expecting me back I think,

and will make me very comfortable when I am ready to go. Lewis is working in Clayville now and comes home every Saturday night. You ask whether I am in need of money. I received $10. P.O. order from Mary last week, which I wrote you about before. You need not send me any more at present as I will have enough for awhile at least. I am very glad you are so happily situated and having so good a time with Robbie & Libbie and all the folks. Does John take his meals there, or does he get his own? I had a long letter from Maggie this morning. She has been quite sick as you probably know — is much better now — and Clara is there doing her work. Her father is

died a week ago last Friday — it do not know what was the matter with him.

Ella is here today she looks and seems well. The baby has not been to Utica yet — he is learning to walk that is he walks nicely with help — but not alone yet. I heard from Cousin Jerusine the last of the week. Uncle is much better, and has been down stairs three times. Love to Robbie, Libbie, Lewis, Olive, Mary Ann, John and your own dear self from

Your ever loving

Sister Anna.

Sat. morning July 26

My dear Sister

We were very much relieved on ~~receiving~~ reading your two letters this morning, as we were getting very anxious – we had heard nothing from you since before you started from N. Y. and were beginning to imagine sorts of things. Br. E. has not mentioned to us any thing about going to Utica on this trip, but he may intend to go for all that. We had a Postal from him yesterday, saying that they intend to drive out here today – so you will both reach home about the same time, though you have been disappointed in not meeting him in Utica. J. C. has taken the horse to K. five times, hoping to meet on there. I hope

nothing will prevent you from
coming tonight. I am glad that
you are improving, and that you
have decided to stay home until
strong. Tell Cousin M. that we shall
look for a visit from her
I fear long. I am ashamed that
I have not written to her before, but
will try to make it up with her when
we see her. The Colonel has taken
a great deal of our time lately, and
I have tried to put all extra strength
on him, which was not much, after
all. We hope she will not fail to bring
the little Bessie when she comes.
Is not Ella coming up this summer?
Mamie too? Sarah has been
having one of her sick spells, but
is better this morning. Has not been
down stairs yet. We should be glad
to have you see Rev. M. R's
portrait, but I do not think it will

do for you to exert yourself too much to see it, — perhaps some one will have to go down next week.

Love to all the cousins & yourself

from sister Anna.

If you see Alick after getting this, will you please ask him if he saw that deed he wrote to me about from Mary Roberts to father — or if he only saw the record? J. E —

I want to know whether it was in father's handwriting.

I cannot think that it was that deed that I left with Mr. Avery — the one I took to him was the one mother told me was that of the lane and we only had two deeds — that and the farm deed —

Do not trouble about seeing

unless convenient -
to this - we can write to
Alick after seeing Edward.
I would not like to have
it hinder your coming
home.

Mon. morning. —

Dear Sister,

We received your letter Saturday evening, also the [illegible] and letter from Mr. Davies. Eddie and all of us think there will be no cause to detain the Calvinist longer. Mr. D. seems to be getting it into shape, and good shape, I should think. We cannot if we expect to get much more material even if we should wait. If any should be sent from Dr. Rees, [illegible], Liverpool, or from Cal. — it will probably come before the copy is all completed, and could then be used. How will it do for C. to write to Mr. Griffiths, and engage him to print for us, telling him we would supply the paper, and that probably it would be tinted, as Mary is anxious

to have it so, ~~and in this way~~ I. we should leave it longer without writing to him, he may promise to do some other work which might throw ours off another month or two. We are anxious to go home here as soon as S. will be able, and think we will go on the first train Wednesday morning, reaching R. at ½ past 11. If there is no one there to meet us, we can go to Mary Anns. Carroll intends to go with us. We would like to hear from you if possible to know about writing to Utica.

In haste

Anna.

THEODORE L. CROSS,
COUNSELOR AT LAW,
25 MANN BUILDING.

Utica, N. Y., October 19th 1893.

Anna L. Everett,
Merrill.
Mich.

Dear Cousin.

Fannie gave birth to a 10 lb. boy this morning & we are all very happy. She is doing nicely and the baby seems strong and healthy –

I enclose card which please fill out & return to me, and I will get book from Bank where I have left it to be written up.

I will attend to Purce interest when due –

Truly yours.

T. L. Cross.

THEODORE L. CROSS,
COUNSELOR AT LAW,
25 MANN BUILDING.

Utica, N. Y., Nov. 2nd, 1894

Miss Anna L. Everett,
Remsen, N.Y.

Dear Cousin—

Yours received and we were very glad to hear that Cousin Mary is getting along so nicely.

I enclose Money Order for the Interest Collected of D. Price $12.50 less order 10¢.

Sincerely Yours.

T. L. Cross

Canastota March 7 186

My dear friend Anna

I received your letter and read it with great pleasure and have taken the first opportunity to answer it. Our folks have most all of them gone away or rather it seems as if they were. Edwin has gone up to Syracuse to hear John B. Gough who is to lecture there this evening ~~in the Mechanics fair~~. Cornelia and James have gone to visit a neighbor. It is very nice sleighing here. I am very sorry that that young

gentleman had such a bad time when he went to get married. Bale or rather the snow was against him it seems. Our folks have all had the measles except Willie and Lottie and they have been exposed several times. I have been out on the floor to sing a great many times at our singing school. I wish you could attend some of the schools. I wish you could come and spend a good long time here with us and then you could eat ~~as~~ so many apples that when you went away you need not regret that you did not eat more ~~our~~ of them. I am sorry that you did not get more scholars in drawing. I hope you will not forget all you learned here. I told Hattie about your letter and she wanted I should write that she send her love. You ask how

like her Mother. I like her very much. Nealie is at home now and gets along very well.

~~going to Bin~~ I am talking about going to Binghamton to school this Spring and perhaps this Summer. My Uncle has invited me to ~~com~~ come there that is at Binghamton.

Perhaps you had to help me to go once. So you can imagine how busy I am. Are you intending to be at home this Summer? We had the organ tuned yesterday and it sounds very much better. There was a lecture last evening at our church. It was a very good one indeed. The man's ~~name~~ name is Mr. Tolls, Principal of a Mission school in New York. He is an Uncle of Mr. Shaws wife. Their baby grows very fast and is very pretty too. By the way there

was a "Mite Social" at their house last Tuesday evening and some things were carried in to them for a present. Edwin and Willie go to school to Canastota. I wish you would come and see us. Give my love to Miss Cynthia and tell her I would like to hear her write to me. Give my love to Miss Jennie and I will give mine to you when you come out here. I hope you will write a long letter to me. But I must close. Good night.

From your
aff. friend
Mary.

Please excuse all mistakes

P.S. Please direct to Binghamton care of Solomon Judd.

M.

Rome Feb 10. 1870

My Dear Anna

Do not think I have forgotten you because I have not answered your letter you forget you I never can Your letter was gladly received and it was a very welcome guest especially as it shows no inclination to depart as other guests do. So in imagination you made mother a visit that fine morning I asked mother now how she was going to return it or thank you for it she tells me to tell you she must have been asleep when you were here as she was not conscious of your presence she must have overslept that morning Mother tells me to write she will be glad to see the time when in reality you will make us a

visit and I hope warm spring weather comes again you will gladden us Romans with your presence for a while Mother says she will want your help to make her flower beds and that she will make them early before the frost gets out of the ground in Kitchen We were glad to hear that Cynthia enjoys herself and that her health was good hope she will be able to do much good there I know how anyone feels where they see much poverty and suffering as if all they could do was so little compared with what they would do had they the power I was glad to hear Mary had been home I can imagine how glad you were to have her home after she had remained away so long the time she left us was ever so good give her some of ours when you

write to her We are expecting
Lucie home every day she was home
about Christmas she will come
to stay a while now I suppose
Well I suppose you heard how Mr
Williams came for Libbie Evans and
went back without her he did not
find her what he supposed she was
not very true to him flirting with
others and corresponding with him at
the same time more shallow than
we supposed her to be. Now you see
Jall and Mary Williams message or
rather a notice of it
Father and I attended the Eisteddfod
we thought it pretty good I enjoyed
it ever so much O I must tell
you Mrs John H Jones has a little
son a young minister, both Mother
and son are getting along nicely
I cant think of anything else to
write I am feeling very drowsy

to night do you thinke this letter
smells of onions I ate some for
supper do you remember our picking
some last fall we all eat onions want
me Anna I hope your health is
improveing and that the rest of your
folks are well we are well as usual
I send you a picture to see if you
can recognize its majesty
Father & Mother unites in send love to
all and to yourself in particular
give my love to Cynthia when you
write to her I am afraid I wont write
to her if she dont write first to me

Your Affectionately

Mary Orans

[illegible]

[illegible] with father [illegible] most of the time, and [illegible] as hard as ever, although [illegible]

[illegible] he can rest. He went to Albany on business yesterday, & we expect him home tonight. [illegible] young as ever, and if you should see him, you would think he was about the same as he used to be. I don't know as you knew it, but we moved about three years ago to the first house west of where [illegible], when you were with us. The house is old, but pleasant & convenient, & in many respects we like it better than we did the other & the farm is smaller. Mother & her little boy, Hattie Butts, are still with us, & they are quite

pleasant, & I think you would like her.
Brother Judd, wife, & 4 year old son, are
[illegible] & pleasantly situated in Syracuse
where he is a lawyer & an U. S. Commissioner.
Cornelia is in Binghamton, with [illegible]
in a musical Conservatory, where she has been
since last Sept. She is pleasantly situated
& is doing very well now, & her health is better,
as a general thing than it has been for years.
It seems so good to see her so well [illegible],
for many hours she is better, [illegible]
not undertake the responsibility of [illegible]
Con. She was home about a week [illegible]
holidays, & her summer [illegible]
about the 1st of July, when she will be here a
part of the time at least. I shall certainly
be glad to see her, I assure you. I was [illegible]
her in [illegible] while.

I suppose you received brother Jim's
[illegible] last Oct., [illegible]
[illegible] we in the church at [illegible]
[illegible], 3 Oct., when [illegible] I came home

[illegible]

6th

I can hardly believe [illegible] is [illegible]
through the winter. The voyage [illegible]
much, [illegible] could be home the middle of [illegible].
I have told you of all except four letters
of whom I have no letters to write, [illegible]
is hardly worth the time of [illegible].
Well, I am, to use the old term, "[illegible] it all
trouble," & [illegible] might add [illegible]
the rest, "not good for much at my age," from
housecleaning, taking [illegible] house, [illegible] &c.
I have spent considerable time in [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] of one [illegible], which
[illegible] is very [illegible] for me, [illegible]
[illegible], being the only [illegible] of
children. If you can imagine [illegible]
[illegible], as I am, [illegible] you can [illegible]
little of my feelings.
When I think of those who are gone, [illegible]
to return, my [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] that it had been [illegible]

will that they might have been spared to
us, to cheer us in this rough pathway, for
it is rough, even with [illegible] us.
When I see the strife, turmoil, temptations &
trials, of this world I sometimes [illegible]
[illegible] that they are released from them all &
almost long to be with them. [illegible] world of
joy & sorrow this is, at times it seems as if all
joy was forever swept away, then again it will
return, & make us lead all sorrow & trouble for-
ture. I [illegible] tell you how much I miss
Clara. Sometimes I dream of her, & I always
think she is [illegible] be happy again
& not be so lonely. [illegible] is sorrow,
even though the waking brings the stern
reality. I was in Albany during her sickness.
Will came home from [illegible] - after he had been
[illegible] about two months, sick with [illegible]
[illegible], for weeks we watched with him
a considerable [illegible] he
very [illegible]. He got able to be ride out [illegible]
[illegible], I had a friend in Albany who [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] in the [illegible], & [illegible]
[illegible] on the hill, [illegible]
[illegible] such a [illegible] here, [illegible]
[illegible] weather.
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] Caroline, [illegible] of writing
your sister [illegible], but [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], for she would be very glad to hear
from you, for we always [illegible] you [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] we will all be very [illegible] you [illegible]
[illegible] summer, [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] in the [illegible]
[illegible] your loving friend
[illegible]

Gouverneur, N.Y.
Jan. 14, 1877.

My dear Aunts.

I would very much rather come in and give you both a hug and kiss and then sit down for a chat than be obliged to let a pen and ink communicate to you the things I want to say. But I often wonder how people ever lived before "Uncle Sam" carried their messages so quickly and carefully.

Mother has told you no doubt of my safe arrival in Gouverneur. And now

the wheels are turning
in the same old way.
My training class have
their examinations next
week and the high school
students have theirs the
week following so these
will probably be two
very busy weeks.

What very changeable weath-
er we are having! It has
been extremely cold during
the week the mercury
standing at 24° or more
below zero and today it
has been raining all day.

There are a large number
of cases of grippe in town
but we have escaped its
clutches as yet. Mother
tells me that it is subsiding

somewhat at home.

I hope the [illegible] reached you all right. I think they are just like mother's and cost just the same.

I had a nice letter from Olive this week. I can't realize that this [illegible] lady who writes me is the same as that mischievous little girl who went west only a few days ago. It must be that I am getting old for the years look short as I look back at them.

Mother tells me that the concert was good. Of course

you went. We are having
very little in the way
of entertainment here
just now and it is
a good thing for me for
I couldn't go and would
only miss the good things
if there were any.
When have you heard
from Cousin Charlie's folk?
And what do you hear
from all the dear ones
in Kansas? If you
think of it when you write
please send Carroll's
address. If like to have
it so that if I do find
time to write to him
I can. Please accept bushels
and bushels of love and
ten kisses apiece from
your niece Clara

My Dear Aunts

your kind letter came this morn and I have just five minutes to answer it.

Thank you very much for writing and also for your kindness in promising to entertain Mr. Roberts. I had a note from him this morn saying that he

would come on the
six forty train Friday.
So you will have about
two hours to entertain him
before [illegible]
You may expect your
[illegible] on the nine
[illegible]. With best love
and many kisses
Clara.

Gouverneur
March-30, 1899.

Please let me know if the buckles do not arrive soon.

Gouverneur, N.Y.
April 26, 1879.

My dear Aunts,

Your letter just arrived with the enclosed postage stamps. I was told the other day that I was not very business like in paying for a thing before it suited me but I think you are even less business like in paying for things before you get them. I sent the buckles in a little box to Mother's address last Saturday. And I will

speak to the post master
about it to-morrow.
I am so sorry that you
have colds for this weather
is far too beautiful for one to
enjoy staying indoors.
We had a little picnic
after school Monday. Charles
had just hired to teach
school five miles out in the country
so Miss Avery and I
drove out with him and
Mr. De Groot accompanied
us on his wheel. We
took our supper and sat
on the ground by the
roadside to eat it.
We came some blood-root
by the road but did

rest of [illegible] the year
for Jennie.

I wish you would
tell me just how
Mollie is [illegible]. She tells
me that she has a cough
and I am very anxious
about it for she has
seemed subject to colds
lately. I am thinking
[illegible] of sending [illegible]
next week [illegible]
from [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] if [illegible]
[illegible]
to [illegible]. [illegible]
the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Mrs. Dr. [illegible]

[illegible] trailing [illegible]
last night that [illegible]
[illegible] sent him. I
am hoping to go to the
[illegible] next Saturday
if it is [illegible]. I am very
glad to hear about Mrs.
and hope she will carry
out her good intentions
and write to us all.
I don't know whether I ex-
plained about the price
of the buckles in Mother's
letter. The same buckles
were sold in [illegible]
[illegible] 25, 30, and [illegible]
respectively. I said 3[illegible] pa-
[illegible] then found [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Government. N.Y.
May 1899.

My dear Aunts,- I have just written Mother that I am coming to morrow night, but as she may not get the letter it is possible that I may have to ask you to take me in over night. I invited Mother and Margaret to come up here but they both say they can not. and

had a ~~letter~~ card from
Margaret this noon
saying that she may
possibly come home on the
same train with me.
Very hastily
Clara

Turin Aug 19/84

Dear Aunties

Arrived here safely. Charlie is about well. Robbie is well but not very strong yet. We can ride down to Uncle Jimmies to-morrow. We have got rived out at Mr. Kilhams. The things you sent Mama thinks are very acceptable. Robbie has gone to bed. Mama thinks that is quite a piece of poetry. I came up on the cars for half-fare on both trains. Love to all from

J. C. Everett

I rode up from the depot with Mr. Clover

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Olpe, Kansas, Aug 2nd 1886

Dear Aunties

We received Aunt Jennie's letter about 10 days ago. I wrote a letter to Cousin Charlie Jones this morning and seeing I got into the letter business I thought I would write to you. We just got a letter from Aunt Amelia of Iowa this morning enclosing a photograph of her little girl. Uncle Griff and his family have moved down on their farm for about a month or so. Mama and Charlie went up to Emporia last Wednesday (Charlie's birthday) on the 10.45 A.M. train and came back on the 4.19 P.M. train

We expect George Jones down on the 4.19 train this afternoon. We had a Base Ball game here Saturday Between the Bitlertown Base Ball Club and the ~~the~~ Rock Valley B.B.C. It resulted Bitlertown 4 Rock Valley 17. The Emporia B.B.C. have the championship of the State Is John Eddie at home now? I will close. write soon

your Nephew
Jay C. Everett

[illegible], [illegible]

Dear Aunt Anna,

[illegible]

[illegible] which I [illegible]

[illegible]. I have concluded

that waiting so long before answering a letter on my part does not pay

I [illegible] out of the notion.

Last night we had a splendid rain which has refreshed things considerable. The wind has been blowing for several days and things were becoming dry, but this rain has brightened them up again.

Charlie came up on the train last evening to attend the county

[illegible], which is [illegible],
I think, [illegible] diploma
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] intends to stay [illegible].
It is now drawing [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
It does not [illegible] [illegible]
that I have been here at school
~~[illegible]~~ so long. I think [illegible]
[illegible] weeks [illegible] or I should
say [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it
closes on Wednesday. [illegible]
the commencement, ~~and~~
examinations, debate contest &c.
I now have 23 recitations a
week, or 5 every day except
Thursday and Friday when
have 4. This keeps me busy.
I am reciting in 2 Latin recita-
tions — the beginning class and
the Caesar class.
You asked which I thought the

[illegible] Latin or Greek.
I think the Greek [illegible]
is more difficult than the
Latin but when you get a
fair knowledge of both grammars
the Greek is easier to read as
the construction is more regular.
The "[illegible]" and "Philologic" societies
are each trying to "wash over"
the other. I think I told you
of the [illegible] and the organizing
of a new society—the "Adelphi".
The "Adelphi", of which I am a
member, has a membership of
about 21, and the "Philologic" a
membership of 15.
The societies, besides trying to
excel each other in literary
work, also try to get the latter
[illegible] the other in everything else.
I will tell you an incident
which has occurred of this

sort. A week ago last Thurs-
-day, 7 of the "Adelphi" including
myself went out to the college
after dark and erected a
stone which stands over 4
feet in the ground and 5
feet above. On it we painted.-
Heip! Heip!! Heureah!!! Adelphi!!!
The next morning the Philies,
as we call them, rottened
egged it and that night
put on it the following epitaph.-
"To the memory of the Adelphi
age 3 mo."
Last Wednesday night the Adelphi
boys went out there, ~~and~~
painted it green, and wrote
in yellow letters the inscription
in Latin. "Here lies the Philosophic
Society Died of the gout in the
knee. May it rest in peace".
It still remains this way yet.

You wanted to know what the word Philologic meant.
It is derived from 2 Greek words φιλέω pronounced fileo meaning to love and λόγος pron. lógos meaning a word + the whole words means literally a flower of wordscrologic.
Adelphi is derived from a Greek word ἀδέλφος meaning a brother or "Adelphi" which is plural and the ending latinized means brothers. You ask me how I like Kansas. I like it pretty well. I like it better in Emporia than in Olpe because there is more goings on.
I would like very much to

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] if
I would but it would be
impossible [illegible] [illegible].
The College catalogue for this
year [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and I
will send you a copy when
I get one.
There is [illegible] nothing doing
in the [illegible] [illegible] I
think I would like to get
a college education.
That puzzle that you sent
I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and
[illegible] [illegible] about it
[illegible] [illegible] the puzzle itself.
It was pretty good. I have
not seen it before and [illegible]
you will not say "chestnuts".
I will try and answer
letters sooner than I
have before. Hope you will
[illegible] soon. Your [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] you ask me which I
like the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
I will say that I like [illegible]
much better.

[illegible] E.

Olpe, Kansas,
July 27. 1894.

My Dear Aunts Anna and Mary:-
It has been so long since I have written to you I really don't know whether you are counting me among those you never expect to again or not; but then I hope you do not count me as one who thinks of self alone, or either only of his immediate surroundings as this is not the case, even if "Calamity" & Kansas has

much to draw the attention of its people, no indeed. Really, the fact is I am so neglectful of my correspondence frequently, and so people are made to wonder what's the matter. Was sorry I didn't get to take a run up to Michigan last fall while I was in Chicago attending the Fair, but I couldn't just then for want of a financial surplus, and besides if I took up too much time would prevent father from making the trip which he much needed, and besides too College had already begun. The trip however was in every respect as I expected

it would be. In fact I would-n't have missed it for a considerable time and money. And then, as we were, a crowd of singers all going in a body, there was so much extra to make it enjoyable.

But now another year has nearly passed and I am through college. Yes, time it is I'm through but I wouldn't have thought of such a thing hardly eight years ago, and now I rejoice to think Providence has dealt so kindly with me.

Well, I suppose you still enjoying the bracing atmosphere of that northern clime, though I did hear

of your intention of soon returning to old New York which is of course equally bracing. But of course in comparing with our own Sunflower state it is somewhat cooler. We have been having some pretty warm weather this far this summer, but no more than usual. Perhaps more of a drouth than common, but not all serious as yet.

We have been staying at home about all the time this vacation and taken hold of the bulk of the business so as to relieve father. The Post-office still remains at the store and there seems to be

no prospect of change - at least - for some little time to come, which I think is quite phenomenal in these times when people generally seem to regard employment as a great blessing, and especially employment under "Uncle Sam". Then of course we feel somewhat the effects of business depression throughout the country, but not so bad, being a farming community so generally dependent directly on the products of the soil.

Then I suppose I'll not get to see you this fall if you should return to New York state soon. I intend to be at McCormick Theol. Sem of Chicago

the coming year and would like to have the opportunity of making you and John Edward a visit then

But must close this letter in order to get this in father's letter. So hoping to hear from you at a convenient time I remain as ever

Your Affectionate Nephew
Jay C. Everett

Emporia, Kan. May 20

Dear Aunt Annie,—

Have put off answering your letter so long that an apology seems in order, to be sure, but I have fallen into the same old rut and kept it go till about two months have passed. Yours is dated March 21st. Here it is only two weeks before Commencement. It hardly seems credible. You ask if I enjoyed myself at Lawrence. To be sure I did, and likewise all of our delegation, if we did bring up the rear in the south. You would not suppose that, by the way our college came out in the south, that the College of Emporia is behind the other institutions of the kind. Our college will work well along side of the larger colleges

of the east. The curriculum is of the very best, and the faculty is composed of excellent instructors. Am as busy as ever as is generally the case and somewhat more now, it being near the close of the year. I took part in a declamation contest April '20" which took my time, considerably, in preparing my dec.. Papa was up to Emporia and "took in" the contest in which I was successful in reaching first place. This was the first contest I ever took part in.

Mr. "Grip" had the good sense to pass me by when he was making his tour in this country. I found out enough to know, nevertheless, that he was quite severe sometimes.

You want to know of the nature of the songs we sing. Well, we sing mostly, College songs and the like, and I often am placed on the pro-

-gram of our literary society as one of the Quartette. Generally sing second bass. Mr. Cook, with whom I room, is a good boy and we have music once in a while. I have forgot nearly all the pieces I ever learned to play on the melodeon. Have got a new guit-ar and am learning to play some on it. There is nothing I enjoy so much as nice music, especially a violin, accompanied by piano also ~~to~~ hear a good Quartette sing.

I hear that John Eddie has come to Kansas to preach during his summer vacation. It has been a long time since I saw him last.

Have not decided what will be my future occupation. Seems to be a somewhat difficult question to decide, though I have not troubled myself much thinking over

-that. There will be two graduates here, this year again — both classical students which could not be said of the last year's two — one being a student in the philosophical course. The college grounds are being greatly improved in their appearance by the setting out of many elms, also some evergreen trees, and many rare plants besides. Will close this with love from Your Brother

Jay C. Everett,

1102 West St., Emporia Ks.

Alder Creek
May 1st. 1895

Dear Cousins;

I presume you think it is about time I put in an appearance, but my cough does not get any better, and we do not think it advisable for me to go out; I have not been out for nearly three weeks, and as I am I cannot sew, I have been expecting to get better every day so that I could sew for you, but perhaps you had better not wait any longer for me, that is if you are in a hurry

to have your sewing done, write to us some times, the girls are going to A. C. so I must hurry, they are not using the horses this morning. Are you going to stay there this summer? keep little Roberts, for me.

all send love to you both

lovingly

Your Cousin

Mary Everett

518 Washington Ave
Feb 16th 1897

Dear Cousins

Just a line to let you know that Uncle Thomas passed away this afternoon, was sick but a few days; had a stroke, funeral Friday, bury in Greenwood,

We are all well

Lovingly
Mary Everett

DEAR AUNT ANNA
LEWIS AND I THA-
NK YOU FOR THE VAL-
ENTINES. JOHN. EDDIE. CAME
HOME, TODAY.

OLIVE

Osawatomie Mar. 1895

Dear Aunt Mary and Anna

I must write to both of you as I am owing both a letter. It is very pleasant hear to day but the wind is a little cold. Uncle John is still gaining fast. The Dr. has called once since I went away. Mr Bullock is here yet he has gone home to day to see his folkes. I go to school every day but Lewis has ent been for a week. One of the school boys struck him on the knee with a switch from the hedge and a thorn went in to his knee and he couldent bend his knee for a week.

he is much better now he
is going to school tomorrow
Lewis and I think your
primrose must be pretty.
We have never seen one.
I read in the third reader.
Mamma Auntie and I went
to Horace Barnard's yesterday
Mrs Barnard gave us some
sweet potates and we are
going to have some for
dinner maybe. Uncle John
will eat some
We have 20 very large fat
hogs six small hogs
eleven big pigs two little
pigs We have got 9 little
calves We sent a picture of
the house to Grandma Everett
And asked her to take it to
Grandma Hughes Grandma
says when she looks at it
she expects to see Auntie or

Mamma coming off the
pails I got a very nice
letter from cousin Garde
when cousin Edd was
here Mrs Erin Tessenden
has got a baby about 9
months old & very body gets
by a baby but us and I want
one so bad I wish cousin
Anna would write to me
I send my love to her
Mr Bullock wants to be
remembered to Aunt
Mary
Papa and Mamma
are both well
We all send our
love to you
from your niece
Olive Everett

Osawatomie April 20 1893.

Dear Aunt Anna

I am nine years old to day. Papa Auntie and Uncle John have gone to town. I wish Papa would bring me a hair ribbon for a birth-day present. Lewis has a pet squirel. It is very young. we are afraid it wont live. It looks sick to day. We have 20 little chickens. Mamma is very busy to-day ripping and pressing her black dress. she is going to have Libbie Snyder make it over for her. Auntie is going home to see Grandma before long. Mamma wants me to tell Aunt Mary the rats and mice are as bad as ever here they bother ~~me a good deal~~ her box that is up staires a good deal they ~~got~~ is and gnawed a hole in one of

the table cloths she goes up there
very often to sell about it but they get
there first some times. I was very glad
to get Cousin Anna ~~of~~ and's letter I
will write to her some day. Our school
closed last friday. Write soon.
Love from all Good by.
Olive Everett.

Osawatomie Feb. 25th 1891

Dear Aunt and Cousin

Your letters came last eve. German went for the mail. Aunt Jennie seems as well as usual and we think some better. She is not fretting as much as sometimes and seems quite cheerful. We have not made any change about sleeping since you went away Libbie has slept with Aunt Jennie thus far. if she finds it cold sleeping alone we will try and keep her warm in some way. we will get the the blankets if necessary. It is quite cold today a great change since yesterday morn. Uncle John and I are going to town after dinner. Uncle John is as well

as usual and seems to take comfort - cooking his own meals He can get up a good meal "I can tell you". We have got 19 lbs. of butter today and we took 17 Sat. Harvey went away Saturday and has not got back it is likely that he will not work any more as his time would be up so soon. He said when he went away that he would be home Sunday. The hay market seems to be about the same. unless they should be up today I think Uncle John will hold them untill next week and possibly longer. I suppose it depends atttogether on the market. We will write again Saturday. I am glad to know that you are so pleasantly situated down there. This in haste and with love from yours H.C.

R. H. Overell

Oswatomie Oct. 3rd 1894

Dear Aunts,

I suppose that the children have said nearly all that can be said about how we are getting along here I have written mother a letter and a longer one to Maggie telling about Grandma Hughes getting here fully particulars of the funeral &c I suppose you have seen both of them. Our great trouble came so suddenly and my burden of grief is so heavy that I have not written or done anything except what I have been

obliged to do. I feel completely worn out no strength for anything. Thank you all for your thoughtfullness in sending flowers and for your sympathy which I know is genuine for no one ever knew Lillie well who does not mourn her loss. It is one of those great trials that are beyond our comprehension. And there is nothing to be done only "Wait meekly wait" till it shall come our turn to pass thro. "the deep dark valley". The baby seems real well with love your nephew,

R. H. Everett

Kennsen —
[illegible] 1859.

Dear Anna

Again I fear I deserve censure for neglecting your very kind letter, but unavoidable circumstances have prevented me from doing as I wished. But you will forgive me I am sure when I tell you how very often I think of you and long to see you and know I which you are thinking, and how amusing yourself all this long winter.

The last winter has been very pleasant. There was just enough snow for [illegible]

sleighing. I often wished you were to take a sleigh-ride with us. But the snow has all disappeared. I should judge that to-day is very much like the day you wrote to me. It is a delightful day. I wish you was to-day that we might take a stroll into the woods. Anna do you remember the love were truing up the school-room! we went into woods to gather moss! I often think what a time we had in fixing up, tearing-down and patching over those mottoes.

You said in your letter that if I was there we would take a long walk around town or out in the pairies, and asked which I would prefer. I am yet undecided but will try and make up my mind and tell you which I think I would prefer in my next letter. Will that do? I have not been teaching since I wrote you. I do not think I will teach this summer. I will either—

remain at home, or do that something else
you spoke of I have not yet decided which
but I rather think I will stay at home.
I called to see Sarah a short time ago
she was then quite smart. I have not yet
heard from Cynthia. I intend to write
to her to-day. You mentioned in your
letter that you heard Owen has left Kem
he has been gone about six weeks he has
been attending school at Oswego but I
understand that he is now at Chicago.
I presume you have heard of his conversion
I was very glad to hear such good news
of him. You said you supposed some
fine young man had taken his place
in the store, it is Sir James Roberts Esq.
I will leave you to form your opinion of
the said Gentleman while I proceed with
my scribbling. Ellen is setting by me with
her work while I am writing, and I

asked her what I should tell Anna for her
(she says) Give my love to her and tell her
Oh! I want to see her most-orfully, quite
a speech, is-cut-it: so much from my little
mind, I have now told you all the news, so I will
now stop and write to Cyntha. Give my love to
your sister, and answer this soon.

Yours affectionately
Sarah A Griffin

Hanson

Aug 8th

Dear Anna

I wish you could sit down with me by my little window where I have composed myself for a little [illegible] converse with you. The sun is shining brightly, the birds singing merrily, and every thing and body [illegible] happy.

The trees are beginning to leave out. now for a long time we have had a great deal of cold wet weather but to-day is a lovely day, and I guess we will now have fine weather. Ellen saw your Sister Sarah in the store a few days ago, with your brothers

wife and little boy she says it is a noble child. You have undoubtedly heard of that awful catastrophe. near Attica brother said he never witnessed such a sight before. he was at the bridge and also at the depot and saw the killed and wounded carried up. I hope that will be a warning to all to be prepared to meet death at any moment. I have not been into the woods to gather flowers yet it has been so wet that I could not go. I want very much to go. for the garden flowers have not yet blossomed and I have seen none this spring except dandelions. Ellen is well and send much love to your sister and yourself. She is very busy now as their house is being repaired! Alsemena has been sick for a few weeks with the measles but she is now better. O Anna I do wish you was here. here I am! my head

aching most wretchedly, and without a bit of news, trying to write a letter and I have four more to write this afternoon, the very idea makes me sick. I wrote to Cynthia when I wrote you last and have not received an answer. I am afraid she did not get it.

I am afraid I am mistaken about the weather for the sun has ceased to shine, clouds are forming, and very soon, ah! now it is raining fast. I am really ashamed to send this letter it is written so horridly but my pen and ink are so miserable that I can not write decently, and lest I weary your patience with such an awful letter I will close. With much love to you both

I am you friend and
School-mate. Sarah Ch.

August 2d

Dear Anna,

As I did not my letter ready for the mail last eve I finish it today. I have some very sad days since you have been gone dear friend. I spent one day at the graveyard, planting flowers over that ground which hides from my view the dearest eye best friend earth ever can give me, Oh! why was

the taken from! how dark are the ways of
Providence to us we cant see through it.
We have also had her [illegible] Daguerreotype
which is her very picture it was taken
by your brother nine years ago. Now
both are numbered among the dead Oh!
what changes. how uncertain is [illegible]
only it is but a bubble. to fail to rely
upon even an hour. let us be ready. for [illegible]
knows not the day no the hour where the
[illegible] of man shall come

How happy the meeting [illegible]

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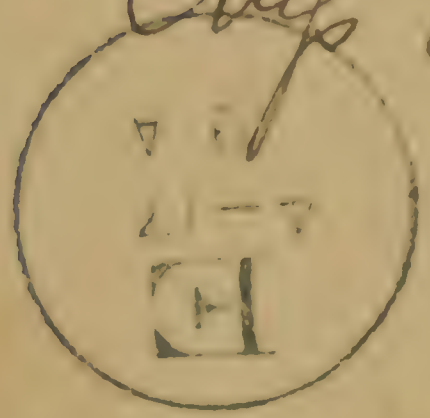

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Miss Everett. [Shall I send the 200 Books

Young just at hand, the Binder has got 200 ready now, which he can ship at once and the balance next week. He says that you will have no occasion to find fault with these Books he knows. I hope so for I have charged him repeatedly about it. I know that he has got a strong job for I have seen him put on the back. Trusting that they may be well & properly done I am Your Tut T. L. Griffith

Rosemary Oct 7. 1872

Your friends

Your letter to hand
nearly a month ago & had to
hear from you thanks for what
it contained it was very
acceptable the letters were
read to Caroline it was
her shed tears & the dollar
was put in her hand. she
was pleased to hear from
you. her health is quite good
for her but she is entirely
helpless. have had help part
of the time. it is very confining
for me. I go out as little.
Jennie. Elsie was not well her

comes of [illegible] with Pauline
& I am so [illegible] glad to hear
you are feeling better - we have
had a number of deaths since
you left here. last Wed. [illegible]
Richard Prichard was taken
from my midst the last [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] breath. I dont know
what we will do without him
the church lost one in him [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] he has [illegible] will [illegible]
his [illegible] - the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] about the first of May
[illegible] [illegible] have been [illegible] -
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] C. C. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of Mrs Prichard [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] was leaving here but
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to go to the
Sunday and had the [illegible]
meeting at his house & [illegible]
was there [illegible] [illegible] he [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Rensselaer March 11th/77

My dear Aunt Anna

Walter received your letter in due season; and has been wanting me to write to you but I have put it off until school is over for this winter. I am quite lonesome today as it is the first day since school was out. There is frequently

at ~~from~~ John Pugh's tonight and there is a young minister coming to our Church tomorrow night. Aunt Jennie was to church last night on her snowshoes I think William was breathing hard. Father is printing today in the old house. There is quite a nice office there they have knocked down the partitions between the bedroom. Aunt Anna if I have some sentences wrong end foremost you will have to excuse me as there is so much talking I can hardly think. When are you coming

home we are real lonesome here
Sundays. I was glad to hear
that Kate Griffiths was better.
Does she think of coming home
soon. Mary Evans has come home
nearly a week ago. Oh! did
you hear that David Jones
near Uncle Pierces had a
little boy and a little girl?
mother saw them yesterday
the little girl is ever so much
larger than the boy.
Father wishes me to say that
he is much obliged to you
for sending that thread and
would like to have you send
another for the next month

I can think of no more news and so will close as it is getting late in the afternoon. Good bye from your loving niece

Maggie Everett

to Remsen

Bremsen April 9th/880

Dear Aunties

Although we have not heard from you, I am going to write a business letter. Firstly, we are nearly out of thread for sewing Cenhadwr I meant to have written before Mrs Jones paid, but we will settle when you come home We would like two boxes No. 30 if it will not be asking too much of you to get it, and if you come before the 20th of May bring it with you secondly; - we received a card from J M Jones last night which I enclose.

I received a ~~card~~ letter from Clara Lloyd Turin last week saying that they were trying to get up a one hundred

letter. the Lands are quite bad now but are improving rapidly. How is Aunt Sarah's cough I hope to hear next time that she is better. Father saw Mary Ann Jones yesterday she is well. Mr Prichard has a hard cold. Love to all from Maggie

dollar quilt they seem are to rebuild the Presbyterian church and the ladies have promised to furnish it. I suppose you have seen some of these quilts they are composed of one hundred blocks and each block contains ten pieces then each person pays ten cents and has his or her name written in one of the pieces one of the block is large enough for three names or one person takes it and pays thirty cents I have promised to try to get ten names so I would like very much to have one or all of you send your names, and John Eddie Kittie and Libbie were here for a few minutes this afternoon they are quite well. father is waiting to take this to the village so I must make it short now if it is a tipping

Crofoot Hill, Sunday evening
Nov. 4, 1888.

Dear Aunt Anna;-

Mother Higby received a letter last night from Aunt Matilda saying you were not well enough to move, now I am very sorry for I hoped you would have such a pleasant time this winter, but it always seems to me when any-thing occurs to change our plans, (that is something beyond our control) that in time we will understand that it was done in love and for our best good, and perhaps you will have just as good a time at home. I trust as at least of one thing rest assured Dear Aunt

though we do not see you often or even write, we think and speak of you very often. I am very busy now as you know. my school is small only ten scholars, but ~~five~~ four are quite advanced so I have to study some. In Algebra they are nearly 3/4 through and about the same in the Arithmetic and are quite advanced in Grammer so they take quite difficult sentences to analyze diagram and parse.
And as I do my own work I do not have much time to write or visit. We have attended two political lectures on Friday evenings, and I spent one week at Port Leyden attending the Institute. Judson is quite handy doing housework and helps me even so much. Mrs Isaac Smith (the one who has bought uncle Eddies house) has a little baby boy a little over a week old, so they have two children now.

I enclose a letter to Aunt Matilda about the Deaconesses. I wrote one to Elena yesterday. Mrs. Noulton gave me mine. How did your garden turn out. ours was quite good we had as many as five bushels of carrots and five of turnips 25 large head of cabbage thirty winter squash, and I asked Judson how many onions and he says as many as one hundred but I will say that there is over a bushel twelve head of Kale 15 citron besides Pop corn and Sweet corn, Cucumbers, beans, and Peas. and sixty five bu. of Beets. and fifty bu. of potatoes on 1/6 of an acre. Oh! yes we had a large bed of parsnips and a small one of Asparagus. and a flower bed. Since my plants have been in the house they have been dropping their leaves so they do not look very good now. my oxalis is in blossom and that is all. Now I will ask you and Aunt Matilda to share letters for

I have so little time to write. Let me hear how you are whenever you are able to write and if not able have Aunt Matilda write me just a word, for I have no way of knowing for Clara does not write very often. How is Jno. Eddie getting on. I should like to hear from him but suppose he is very busy. Do you hear from the Western, often. When you write remember me to them all. I must close with love to you and Aunt Matilda

Your neice

Maggie A. E. Higby.

can not hear of one so his wife 'sister' is there. what ~~[illegible]~~ would we do if we had no mother or sister; this has been a very blue letter but the clouds are clearing I hope. We have need to have strong faith, but He has promised "my Grace is sufficient for thee"

Crofoot Hill, Friday afternoon
February 27, 1891

My dear Aunt Anna: -

I received your very welcome letter this noon and hasten to reply have been intending to reply or write all the week but as a very short letter tires me I have delayed, thinking you did not know how sick I had been. Dear Father was taken away to his long home a week ago this morning this seemed very hard for us. He bear he had seemed so very near to me and when I was first taken sick he came twice a day to see how I was, while he always came often we shall miss him very much indeed but our loss is his gain. When asked if he had any fears

of the future ~~and~~ he shook his head, and many testimonies of like import, he gave. It was very difficult for him to talk and he said little more than to answer questions. Mother H- is bearing better than we feared, she is worrying so for the sick ones. but I am glad to say that Ward and Elintie are better Lillian (Seldens oldest daughter) has been sick two weeks with the scarlet fever but is not gaining as she should she can not sit up ~~any~~ scarcely any yet; she was getting along nicely but after father died she hoped to go down once to look upon his face; and thinking if she was strong enough her people would let her go, so she sat up, bravely trying to appear strong but when she found she could not go she has weakened but we hope it is nothing serious. It was so very hard for Judson during

his fathers illness he wanted to be here and there and as the other houses are quarantined he had to do all the errands. I went to see father once but took cold and was worse than at first so could not go again not even to the funeral. When I first was sick I had Dizzy and could not eat because I could not swallow. then a bronchial and stomach trouble also congestion of the liver, all brought on or made worse by my old trouble, neither in such a severe form that I need to have suffered from one alone much but by the combination I thought I was pretty sick, did not take any nourishment except liquids for four weeks. but now I can eat and sleep well by comparison and am gaining rapidly. I have written two short letters, but that is about as near work as I have tried. Clara is doing nobly with the work considering

her strength, she has not felt very well since yesterday has been having a sick headache, but feels better now we fear she and Judson may have the scarlet fever as neither have had it and both have been exposed, we keep tar on the stove to prevent it if possible and Judson thoroughly fumigates himself when he comes from the sick as it has been necessary for him to go there a few times. I am so glad that I am gaining so if they should be sick I can care for them. I do not know what we should have done if mother had not come when she did. Mother told me how hard it was there when she was there the girl being sick I hope they have a girl now. Are you feeling stronger and Cousin Alex? It must be hard to feel so poorly so long as he has, I hope he feels better now.

Are Cousins Mary and Fannie well.

Please remember me to all. I have no doubt but Aunt M— would send some message if she knew I was writing, she has only been out twice this winter, there at Christmas and out to church once. lovingly yours

Margaret

I judge from your letter you did not know that Ward was sick with the Scarlet fever I think I told you his wife was not well last fall. Wards people, part of Seldens and myself were not able to attend fathers funeral. No folks need a girl but

Constableville, Lewis Co. N.Y.,
Wednesday morning Nov. 4, 18[illegible].

My dear A[illegible] I should not be surprised if I could see your mind, you think I am neglectful and ungrateful, but I am going to try and dispel such thoughts. You can not know how much I appreciate the gifts you left for me at mothers, [illegible] is indeed a treasure, both for associations and [illegible] real worth; Also the skirt and the carpet rags, the [illegible] goods are just what I need. [illegible]

My only excuse for not writing [illegible] is that we [illegible] for the price of apples to be established. I wrote to mother but she has not answered so I take the price as it is about here, and as this is not an apple country think it will be satisfactory. The general price for Grafts is 40cts and for common fruit from 15 to 25cts. as we got no common fruit but took three

bushel of windfalls and eight of the other fruit. If the price is not satisfactory let us know and we will make it right; & ~~[illegible]~~ we will send the order in Aunt Mary's name for if the office is any great distance from the house I thought she might be better able to walk there than Aunt Anna but as I know so little of the accommodations that may not be necessary. — We have been very busy indeed for the past few weeks and because of the hard work we are tired all the time, I might give you a history of one week then you can judge of the others from that Friday morning a week ago last Friday the threshers came unexpectedly so of course it was pretty brick work Friday & saturday, Sunday was quarterly meeting and as the service was published on the sunday before for 9-30 we had to hurry to get the bread there in time but when we arrived found the time had been changed to 10-30 so did not get home until one o clock had company for dinner so we did not rest as much as usual on that day. Monday the threshers finish just before night. Tuesday I color my black cashmere dress and as I expect the dressmaker wednesday

I have to hurry it as very cold and [illegible] a little work till half past [illegible] in the evening trying to finish pressing my dress but do not finish, so get up every morning so as to get through breakfast by Hamplight finish pressing my dress and get the dressmaker at work, it is time to get dinner. I get the breakfast dishes washed so it takes me nearly all the afternoon to finish my work but set down to sew and rest for a few minutes, in the evening there are two very able political lectures to be delivered at Turin [illegible] go over, we enjoy it but get very tired and thursday I can do nothing but get the meals and have to call for a little help at that Friday I do a little more but can not keep around a great deal, Saturday I feel [illegible] and [illegible], mop, get the meals, make bread and [illegible] and have extra company for supper, Sunday go to church afternoon and evening &c. this week has been just [illegible] and I am taking this time to write when I ought to be washing breakfast dishes but Judson intends going to the village after dinner so this will surely be ready. We have had beautiful fall weather, [illegible] man's time is out this week so we will be alone and as our milk is at home now that [illegible]

I wish you would write me just a word to know how uncle John got along with the operation on his eyes. you [illegible] since you think the change is beneficial. Give my love to all the dear ones and [illegible] I greatly thank you

Your loving [illegible]

Constableville N.Y.
March 27, 1893

My dear Aunties:-

When I received Aunt Anna's letter I thought it did me so much good we would write immediately but here it is several months, since it was received, we are usually well except that I have a slight cold, we have been well except for colds and Judson hurt his side once so he was laid by for a week, but we were fortunate in getting help at once. We received a "Leenhadwi" the other day that I thought was addressed in Aunt A[illegible] hand writing, many thanks for that and also for the little christmas Book[illegible]

The snow is very deep in the roads here but we can see bare spots on the fields. The sugar season has not opened but today looks as tho it might very soon. I have a girl who will probably stay thro the sugar season she came this morning but there is a great deal of sickness in the country Mumps, Measles, and scarlet fever the Mumps are ~~usually~~ unusually severe there has been one death and many severe cases. we have just heard of the death of Rev. Mr. Hecker of Turin caused by a carbuncle on his neck.
Little Perry Williams is to teach school this spring and summer beginning this morning he will have several scholars larger and older than he. we hope he will succeed. Lyman Williams goes to

Boonville to act as clerk for Jno. B. Jones. We must hasten as we are going to the funeral of Henry Hayes of Constableville who was drowned on saturday. It is a very sad case indeed.
My little bird is singing so ~~fa~~ happy because the sun shines I have two and am going to put them into one cage if I can manufacture a nest.
My plants froze just before Christmas but they are doing very nicely now my fuschia is in blossom and the calla is budded. I have my tomato and celery plants started but some-~~the~~ thing seems to eat them at the roots. so perhaps there will be none to set out. I see by the Gazette that Jno. Butler dated his obituary notice at Utica Mich. has he returned

from the west.? We have not heard from Bobbies folks in a long time but heard this mother that uncle John was much better we hope he is well now.

lovingly and hastily.

Margaret.

Louise is home from Church and reports a fair audience and good meeting — I am glad you like the stor Spurgeon Tatts — the heroine is a real live one — and has been when an invalid at Chatauqui — the Clock says nine so I will say good night and God bless my cousin Lovingly Jennie

New York Mills Jan 6 1889
Sabbath Evening

My dear cousin Anna

What a rainy day it has been. I wonder if it is the same with you. I went to church this morning. it was Communion, I thought of you preparing the basket, then of course I stayed to Sunday School and was made glad by the return of two pupils who have always been very irregular in their attendance and the last year I have scarcely seen them at all, but they came to day through all the rain saying they wanted to make a good beginning of the new year It rained so hard to night and as I am not quite over my sickness which I had again last week. I thought I would not venture out but would spend the time writing

It is not my day to write letters. but this will only be like a little talk if we were lying in the hammock with our bibles or papers to read. you know we would talk a little and look up at the sky through the trees and think a little. then perhaps somebody would drop off to sleep and the other somebody would eat apples and read two chapters. You see I can have it all my way for this is a onesided talk

Well. haven't we had some lovely days this new year. I called with Josie on Mrs Lewis & Mrs Cross last Friday I. wanted to meet Mrs Cross. by the way the Mr. Williams who comes here so very very often these vacation days was a classmate of Mr Cross - I expect that had something to do with her desire to make the call - but don't whisper it to the bird. it might not sound well in a song ---

This is what I wanted to tell you Mrs Lewis is going to see your room. may be there now - and if the weather

sometimes fine - and it may - She is going to wage you to come home with her for a visit. Leave Mrs H - to look after things. Then when you have made us a visit and are ready to go back. I will take you. Now please do. will you it will be good for you to have a change everybody says so. And they must know we have had company coming and going for nearly three weeks Ever since I came home - There are three here to-day. but they all go to-morrow. Broughton opens Tuesday - then we shall be so quiet. till the next excitement Miss Bedford is spending Sunday at the Warners. She is quite miserable I dont think she ought to teach for a while till she is stronger She is lovely I hope you may meet sometime. I wish she were not so frail - Frank, Mary is here She has been giving some lovely music below to the folks in the parlor

the doors being open through to my room. I get the benefit of it as well as though I were down and can do my writing to. Pretty poorly done though. I dont see why I could not have been a good penman like my brother - this letter would horrify him - he dont see why people cannot write well.
I am truly sorry your doctor has gone so far away - but I hope you will not need him - you must be careful and not take cold then you won't cough is it that so -
Don't you think John Eddie is looking remarably well. he seems so happy too I was really glad to see him -
Sam. writes that he is feeling well only he has no work as yet and that makes him worry a little - I tell him my advice is not to worry about anything he can't control; dont you say so too - By the way did you know that Mr Rankin of Ithaca is dead - he died the day after Christmas. we had a paper only -

New York Mills N. Y.
Jan. 11th 1891

My dear Cousins

I do not think I am in your debt, but having a strong desire to hear from you. I will therewith wave all conventionalism and write to ask you how you are and what you are about this cold cold weather. Though it may not be so cold & snowy with you as it has been with us even since Winter had a right to put his foot in; Brother William writes from Milwaukee that the weather was fine there all through Dec, some of the days like Spring when the corresponding days here were cold and bleak and stormy. Today it is raining & freezing with quite a depth of snow on the ground; not a day

passes but I am thankful that Anna is in the city and not on the bleak hill with pain: old decrepid Jones to make paths, bring in wood, water &c &c &c. Father too speaks of it nearly every day; She is warm & comfortable and cared for, with no care: I suppose she is with Mrs Lewis now and you have probably heard from her since I have. I saw her the day before Christmas at Mrs Lewis and Mrs Lewis was there to invite her to dinner the next day. It was a pretty cold day and she shrugged her shoulders at the thought of going out because she had been sick with a cold, though she was all over it then, but I encouraged her going; Mrs Lewis either would come to the door, it would be folly to shut herself in all winter because she had had a cold so she promised and went. and recall me after that it did her no harm and that she was gaining every day. The next week I was taken sick and have not been to the city since. It was just nine months and I hoped I had got through I had been so very well all the fall, but low and behold I was laid low the very last week of the old year and have not been out since. I think I never suffered so much pain and it was continuous day after day. On New Year day we called a council for all my efforts to heal myself failed I asked him for an injection of morphine, but he wisely said he had better try a little brandy & oil, first which with more hot sits bath brought the desired relief: I am all well now but not so strong after so much pain &c and would have gone out to-day had the weather been more favorable. but as I had a substitute for my S. S. class I thought it wise to stay at home and in the

quiet of the house I have thought of you and decided to spend a few moments with you in a one sided talk: You know a good talker and a good listener are good company: I had a doctor friend in Cleveland who used to say he was very fond of Mrs Hughes he always enjoyed an hour in her company and felt refreshed after the visit; The secret of which was. he was a good talker and I was a good listener.
The aroma of baked potatoes comes up from the kitchen, and now the "calf dinner is ready". so I lay down my pen and go and indulge a little in the more substantials of life. After dinner of calf roast beef & pork baked in same pan, baked potatoes, & gravy goose cracklings. brown bread & butter, pumpkin pie. plain cake tea & coffee. have helped Louisa with the dishes and now to finish

oh! how it does rain and the ice is forming on each little tender twig of bush and tree looking very lovely and beautiful but endangering the same for the wind is strong and they shake around to their own destruction the electric wire gets a coating also which impedes travel. that trolley which runs on the wire grates along losing its holds then getting it again with such power that it flashes a white light like lightning which is very beautiful & wonderful A car has just passed now and a greenish light like a lantern follows the trolley all along the wire! I suppose with the storm is more or less electricity we know what it will do. but

<u>what is it?</u>

Well I am going a long letter, Father is perfectly well and peaceful as a stream on a quiet midsummer day: Rob't pretty well but tired after week of prayer

Marcia a hard cold. Frank quite well & busy. Jim in School and happy her last year probably – Margaret & girls are well. She has two boarders Adah helps her and does various things Mary goes to the city every morning to sew. has a good place

Now how are you each of you are you fearing any from the Indians isn't it dreadful. that there must be fighting in this Christian land of plenty –

Hoping to hear from you soon
By the way did the little
X mas remembrance reach you

Lovingly
Cousin Jennie

Each and all would send love

Sabbath morning May 5th 94

My dear Cousins.

Are you surprised at the long delay in getting an answer to your letter of April 17th If your vision could have penetrated to this spot of the world for the last four weeks your surprise would have been of another kind, when you saw how every minute of the day was filled in with work and hard work too,

After the dean remains were laid away. Will & Adad advised that their mother break up right away and make her home with them hereafter, which was the only thing for her to do. So Monday morning we went to work Adah deciding to stay till all was packed and out of the house it took the whole week of hard

constant labor - and the following Monday the Goods were shipped all that were to go to Adah - some went to Mills and some were put in our barn - so many years, as you know, make an accumulation too good to throw away - too poor to sell, but stored away they may be given some time to some needy person - such things we put in our barn - then Adah went home and Margaret came here to help us a little with the meals, washing dishes &c &c - which has been the best thing in the world for her - had she stayed in the house as it was she would have been down sick for she was so near it. but the change of thought and work has done so much for her - Yesterday she went to Mills to stay for a few weeks to help Nettie with her sewing &c for Nettie was so good coming

been again + again to help us
with poor Mary - who required a
great deal of care all the time
after I came home - there she
has promised to go to cousin Mary
for a few weeks. and she will
be here again making it her
home till she finally goes to Adah
who is anxious to have her as
soon as she is ready to go -
but she + I think it best
for her to make visits first,
The day we finished her packing
by the way I packed everything -
and all went safely but one plate,
was not that good, Mary Smith
and her father who is not at all
well - came and stayed nearly
a week - but for all that we began
our cleaning for the time was
passing when the folks from
Brooklyn would be home and
we wanted all this big house cleaned
before they came. and now we are
all done but the back kitchen
and hall ways which Louisa will

do in two days after the washing & ironing of this week is done - we had the large kitchen newly papered and the floor painted. so we feel that we look pretty well. house thoroughly cleaned from Attic to cellar and even the barn which Louise swept & cleaned windows yesterday - Every night I have been so tired, but slept well and awaked refreshed and thankful every new day - I do feel I have been so led, so strengthened, so helped in the last year - I think it is because I ask for and expect it, in even the menial duties of each day - does it not prove, "according to your faith" &c

I can tell better than write of Mary's last days. Funeral &c. we did look some for Mary but were not surprised, that she did not come - A beautiful sermon from the text complete in Christ. Col. 2nd 10: A life however young might be complete in Him &c - I shall hope to see you here or there this summer

I make no plans. but know I will be led if I trust, which I do. for I dare not live in my own strength to make plans for the future into which I do not look any more at all - taking thankfully each day as they come asking for strength & wisdom for the day. knowing that my Father knows & cares for His child

This morning is very warm being unusually tired, I felt it would be right for me to rest at home. (as I have not yet taken up a class in S. S.) helped Louisie off - who has a class - then thought I would spend the early hours of the day in a little pen talk with some of the loved ones who had been neglected in the last week. The Brooklyn ones may be here in a week, on two at most Marcia is tired of living in a flat, so far from mother earth

and long to be in her comfortable
big home again when she has
room to put things. ah, she
dont like a flat at all —
I shall hope to hear that
with this nice warm weather
when you can get out that
you are getting the old health
& strength back again. If
"May Wald" is with you she can have the
benefit of this letter and we
would be glad to hear from
them. we so glad she & Lizzie
came down —
Robt is well anticipating a
happy summer with his family
home again. he is very very
fond of his boy - his grandson -
now with great love to each
also Jane. very loongly
Cousin Jennie

New York Mills N.Y.
June [illegible] 1893

Maxdear Cousins

Your letter was very welcome to day for I was hungry for a line from you though I knew I ought to write but it has been so hard for me to take up my pen again. I thought of you much yesterday and had promised myself I would write to day and address it care of your cousin to be forwarded feeling pretty sure you had left Chicago and hoping you had gone to Milwaukee - Robert said yesterday "I wish Mary & Anna were where they could come and make us a visit" We have had no word at all from Jane though Adee wrote her and peepers when sent her - Charlie came down from Alden creek to the funeral and stayed one night - Mr Hiltons funeral was the same day. so the rest of the family felt they were needed there - We are all feeling better though we have been dreadfully broken up - Robert as you would know was nearly distracted. So Marcia and every one else had to brace up for him - It nearly made me sick

to come away and leave the remains
it was so unnecessary if we had only
had our wits about us - some more
when I think of it, it makes me heartsick
but there is so much that is comforting
in reference to his stay in California
when he learned to cast himself wholly
upon Him who alone could care for him
his death was painless. he longed for
his home after they had started.
but undoubtedly knew it was too far
away, that the heavenly home was nearer
and he would reach that one first -
we are enabled to see that our
prayers for Frank have been answered
His touch with Mr Brown here in January
which led him to seek him out
after two weeks stay at Los Angeles
having him from that time on for
a daily almost hourly companion,
Mr Brown alone, having just buried
his wife, needed the companionship
Frank could give him - and he in
turn was in just the right frame
of mind to feed Frank with the
"bread of life"; Frank with all earthly
props removed, "having thrown himself
upon the Divine One for guidance" (as he
had written in his diary the day he

said good bye to "Aunt Jennie" in Chicago)
was just in the condition to be fed -
and so the work went on and the
bay was made ready for an entrance
into that kingdom where loved ones awaited
him. The hand of the dear Lord
is very plainly to be seen in all the way
he was led. till at last the dear body
was laid away in its resting place.
Everybody here have been so kind, coming
and doing all that could be done.
Josephine gains slowly. she moves herself
a little better but is still very sore in
the front bones which have not yet come
together. she lies on her back, can move
feet up + down on bed, but cannot lift
them. can raise body to put bed pan under
but cannot turn on either side. has
made three or four attempts to sit on
edge of bed for two or three minutes. but
it is all painful. though each time, less
so - she was brave even Frank's coming
home. and wanted to see him - but was
not able to be carried down. and we thought
it unwise to bring the casket up - He
looked just beautiful, so well kept - there
of course, but a sweet restful expression
it was a comfort to us all to have him
with us to feast our eyes on the dear face.
The parlor was a perfect bower of roses
+ calla lillies - the green house at Yorkville
was litterally emptied, so many sent flowers

Services private in house - the church was crowded - Mr Danforth. the present pastor who has been so kind to these people had charge - Mr Simpson, former pastor assisted - and Mr Brown whose remarks were beautiful and so comforting Mr Williams was so helpful - he had to return the Sunday night following - we are alone now & lonely for there is no looking for Fernek to come home - but we know he will be waiting for us - we dismissed the high priced nurse and Jo, is my special care - Ada lies near her nights so I can sleep I am not at all well - not sick - but so tired it seems as though I should never get rested again - Father keeps well - but it was a hard blow - he seemed dazed for several days we did not dare take him to the church but took him to the grave the next day Mary Thomas is not at all well, has no appetite at all - coughs quite a little - but keeps up works some though she looks very white - Mag & Ada well - Lewis folks too are well - Father's brother, "uncle Bob" was here yesterday for a little while - he has a mill in Cedarville -
So sorry Anna has a pull back - hope she may pick up soon - I wanted to send Eddie paper but forgot his address - rest me to cousin Lizzie Sands - & Robbie Everett but forgot Edmund's address

In the sick room.

Tuesday Morning

My Precious Cousins

Your letters was very welcome. for I was anxious to hear from you. I thought to write you again last week. knowing how in your isolation letters must be welcome friends. but it is becoming more + more easy for me the older I grow to put off pleasure for duty and for three weeks the time has been very full in doing for the sick one who fails rapidly Three weeks ago yesterday was the first she gave up to go to bed, before that she would be partly dressed and sit up a part of each day but since then we lift her out of bed into a pillowed chair while we make her bed. yesterday she was not able to come have that done. but she is a little stronger to day. Two weeks ago yesterday she had a very bad day and we telegraphed Adah who is here to help but having a cold herself we dont like to have her much even mary

but she is company for her mother and helps a great deal and relieves me nights. I get home to sleep when I get her all fixed for the night coming soon early in the morning her mother sleeping what she can on a couch in the room. But is relieved all day. only as I need assistance to move her. she bloats badly which makes her heavy. The friends do not act well their for the bowels have to do their work and for their weeks have run off quite freely. from three to five times in the twenty four hours. thus keeping the bloat somewhat in check. She grows weaker all the time, her appetite is fanciful. eats but very little of what she imagines began she gets it, she can eat a great deal, she cannot help herself at all in bed. so every move she wants to make has to be made for her. excepting the use of her arms which do not bloat much of any yet. though one of her bowels is quite puffed up this morning. and her face also: She suffers more from weakness than from pain. also from nervousness. she has times of being

exceedingly nervous. when she
dont want any one to stir in the
room - she does not see any one
outside the family excepting of course
Will who comes up after of an evening
and sometimes she dont want him to
speak to her on stay long in the room
then other times she is willing for him
& some one of us to sit & visit in her
hearing - he is so very kind to her
he came up Saturday evening to sit up
with Adah to relieve her mother. but
of course she may would not have him
so I took him home to sleep and
he spent the most of the next day
here, she feeling pretty well that day
so I got her fixed for sleep and
went home before nine o clock thinking
we would all have a good night
but I was called before eleven o clock
she had such terrible pain in her
side & back. we got her relieved. so
she slept by two. but I stayed and
we both watched her till morning -
she does not cough more than about
once a day. then she has a long hard
coughing spell and raises from way
down some where. lungs or stomach
her mouth & throat have been very

sore then last 3/4 weeks but is not quite so raw now. Her lips are dry and she uses a good deal of ice. She told us the other day to remember and keeps her mouth wet when she got so she didn't know anything. She realizes her condition but wants to get well if possible, which is natural, though when she has a hard day she says she had just as soon go. "But it is all right either way" She had a better night last night her mother slept yesterday so she could lie in the room last night. She is so averse to strangers sitting up which really is not necessary. Fen on the whole she sleeps pretty well. Nettie has been here a few nights. Then she lies on the lounge and her mother goes to bed in the next room near by. Lucy too is ready to come at any time! I have sent for her to come to-night. They dont like to have me stay up at night only when she really needs me. Fen Mary likes me here all the day. She says "Aunt Jennie I feel as though I was in some other room all night but as soon as you come in, in the

morning everything seems all right and I am back in my room again. Everybody in the place are so very kind. She is kept in flowers and fruit. fresh eggs & food. someone sending some delicacy every day anything they hear she can eat. The Malcolms have kept her in wine. others too have sent it - but for two weeks she wont take any stimulants at all not even when she feels faint. she only wants to smell the camphor, we need to give whiskey to ward off the faint spells. but she dont have them as much as when I first came home, but when she does she wont have the whiskey only the camphor - on salts, I brought her a bottle of the Crown & Lavender salts from New York —

Robt came home two weeks ago. I expect it was very hard for him to leave the boy and all his family to come home - but he is real well and so perfectly happy. If the little fellow is permitted to live it is going to make a young man of him. I will enclose yesterdays letter from Jr. which tells of the improvement in the boy and the

satisfaction it gives to have him free from pain. "Other" is a new girl said I was there, colored, great improvement on the two different ones they had while I was with them. Lewis & Minnie was up Sunday. he is quite well but grows old fast I think, comes home every three weeks —
The snow is going fast - so your prison doors will soon be open and you free to walk abroad again on the glad green earth — I like the springtime tho I would not mind being shut in as you have been for one season - if I had enough to keep me warm and to eat and to read and one or two to keep me company providing I knew I was not ~~needed~~ needed anywhere else - I sometimes feel a little tired and then a picture of being shut in from everybody is a pretty restful picture - but that fading dont last. I praise the Lord at the dawn of every day that I have health & strength to start out on whatever mission He has for me for that day - seeking strength for the day
I will close this for the noon mail shall hope to see you sometime ere long. Love to Jane & Clare & Frank too. let them know of Mary's condition -
Mary the care of the Oversi patient, one be be around to protect you is even the prayer of your loving Cousin Jennie

My love to Miss Roberts. I liked her very much she was so kind
hope to know her more —
I will use the card you sent
as far as I can. Terms are very
reasonable I should think!
Write when you get to J. Edelin my
love to him —
God bless you my loved ones and
grant that when these days of
waiting are over, we may all
come together to be forever with
the dear Lord and our loved
ones who are passing over one by one

Very lovingly
Cousin Jennie

[illegible]

5 [illegible] Washington Ave.
Brooklyn N. Y.

My dear Cousins

Eddie's very kind letter was duly received but I was too busy getting off to send a reply. Was sorry to hear of Mary's continued illness, glad of a little gain, and very glad that "Mary Mabel" could be with you, since I could not, which I sincerely regretted. I came here last Wednesday and have been pretty busy even since I came. As one will be going to a new place till fairly settled. They have a lovely flat on a beautiful street. It is up three flights of stairs. But when you get here, it is everything on one floor and easy to do the work. Josie has a woman come over a week to wash & clean and iron what she can, which makes

the balance of the work very easy
there being but two meals a day
except a light luncheon for us two
at noon - Josie is pretty well but
not so strong as before. I went
with her to New York to consult
Dr Coe who was recommended to her
he made a thorough examination
and could find no reason why
she should not get on comfortably
this time - and recommended a
Dr Gitle near her to attend her.
To-day I am going to 115 E 4 N.Y.
to see a cousin of Mary Thomas
who is far gone with consumption
she formerly lived in Utica -
Mary Thomas holds her own but
we fear & tremble for the poor
child - Robert & Marcia are
going to be so lonely. I hope
you can visit them. I
think of you so much and
wondering how you are and
how the work progresses
when you have time & strength

let me hear from you. what you did with books, Carpardness &c &c. did you get any help to dispose of them. and the Uncle Tom plates from the man Eddie wrote to –
Gosie has just come in from her morning walk after supplies and pants a little after the climb the stairs are as easy as can be with a landing between ceiling of each floor – brussels carpeted all the length – but all the same it takes my breath – we have a private hall and five rooms beside bath room, steam heated very
pleasant outlook from front windows of handsome dwelling and run lawns – and plenty of air – wouldnt it be nice if you & cousin Charlie's folks lived here now – how we would visit each other –
I heard Dr Cuylen last Sunday

Saturday afternoons we attend an exposition of the Sunday School lesson - given by a baptist divine Dr Hemstone which I am going to enjoy exceedingly, quite as well as the Sabbath service. It is time I started so I will say good bye with a great deal of love from Josie & myself to you all. Will Mary Mold please remember to send Josie the lace when she goes home

Very lovingly

Cousin Jennie

[HUGHES]

Friday Morning

My dear Cousins

Just ready to start for Clinton so will only write a word in regard to clock. Mr Taylor has the agency for the Ithica Calendar clock so is able to put it in order, and would like to have it remain in the shop a month after repairs to test it so you had better send it right on I will enclose card to attach to it He can pack it to be sent with your things to Mich. if you so desire but you can attend to that later - Found folks all well. but the mills are stopped which is depressing to many - Robert is sorry I did not bring home one of the old New York papers. I intended to keep one dated 1840 my birth year - will you do so for me and [illegible] and oblige yours very affec Cousin Jennie

Marcia would like to have stood by Mary against Anna & I, but we are glad she was not there, are we not Anna.
I got to the depot in good time all right —

New York Mills

Nov. [illegible]

My dear Conscience

[illegible] delight

[illegible] [illegible]

immediately. I have wondered [illegible]

[illegible] and watched for a

letter of [illegible] & [illegible] & [illegible]

[illegible] have said, do you

hear from the girls. it seems a long

time" and I have had the same

reply to make to each. At the same

time I would say I suppose I am

to blame - but - I tell this was the

way of it. [illegible] from Philanthi

[illegible] saying

you were to leave in a day or two for

Hillsdale - giving no address & thought

as you would send a line from there.

Even now you give no address so I

continue to send it just to Hillsdale

John E. wrote a few lines from Chicago

and I replied asking your address

but have heard nothing from him
I saw Minnie the other day and she
said she had a letter from you but
could not remember if you gave address
And so it has gone and I have
been absolutely hungry for some word
from you. I have longed to run up
to spend a day or two with you
Then the vision of the cold house
shut up would remove the desire
and I would settle down and
think well surely I will hear from
them on Eddie so you see your
letter had a welcome awaiting it
and it reads as though you were
very comfortably settled and pretty
well aside from the colds which
everybody have more or less — How
I would love a peep in at you. I
am sure I should like Lizzie and
would endeavor to make her like
me. Surely your being together there
will make joy in Heaven among those
dear ones specially interested as to your
going & coming. It must be that
you decided aright for this winter

Ruth went up to Mag for over Sunday.
baby is growing and is as cunning as can be
Lucy is quite well but Minnie is not
her head troubles her so much. I
feel worried about it, fearing it is
something serious. She has given up
running the machine for the present
is sewing in a fur store down town
having the exercise of going back & forth
though she sits all day.
Margaret & family are well Mary is
sewing for the next neighbor. Ada
gets along nicely with the organ
and she & mother are busy now knitting
shoes & mittens for a fancy store in
Utica. just for the holiday season.
I began telling you I am going to Utica
Friday so as to attend meetings at the
Dorgan Memorial Church Miss Bessie Conway
is holding bible readings there. I was one
evening last week, the meetings are well
attended. There is a revival in the air
the city churches are getting ready for it
and we are praying that some of the
dropping may fall on us —
The Christian Endeavor Convention was
such an inspiration, I was drawn to

and no doubt the pleasant change & rest will fit us to decide for another summer what is best. I am so glad to hear about John's eyes & ears. what a blessing and a young growing family at home to put new life into his soul. Surely all things are working together for good Poor Jennie had to go. but no doubt she fulfilled her mission. and it was as it should be for her to go there to end her days - We have the promise that all things will be made clear to us in the Bigmet - but it is pleasant in this life to trace the leadings of the Holy Spirit - Hope "John" B- will succeed in getting well located. is his health any better. does he remember to "straiten up" Say to him that I ask -

Father keeps perfectly well; he has enjoyed every day of this beautiful fall. To-day is the coldest long spell we have had it began yesterday about this time after several hours of hard rain. a thin covering of snow lies on the ground;

Robt. Maria Frank & Louise are all well. and I myself have not been so very well in two years as now - I think Dr Palmer

session and when it was over felt that I w
not have missed it for twenty five dollars or more —
believe the feeling in the air is the result of the convention.
God grant us an outpouring of his spirit for we need it so much;
Mettie has returned from the West much improved and
hopes to continue the gain. She was called a little sooner
than she expected to come — by the sudden death of her
uncle Dr West of Rome — Will is not quite well, looks any thing
but says he is better. Children quite well —
The Tyggerts are not gone yet but hope to go in two weeks
they are longing to go now —
Miss Bedford & Mary Smith are well, we have invited them
for Thanksgiving, though it is doubtful if they come —
Now I think I have told you all — since I wrote you I
spent two days on Mr Willis's farm on the hill, had a delightful
time, it was apple time we have our apples for three, five and two
All would unite with me in love to each of you —
Very lovingly Cousin Jane

they will be for [illegible]
them down and they [illegible]
there the next time [illegible]
[illegible]
We had our [illegible]
last [illegible]
[illegible] over
Our [illegible]
[illegible]
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[illegible] "[illegible]
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[illegible] please [illegible]
these [illegible]
[illegible] shall [illegible]
will [illegible] as they
[illegible] Half a dozen Tube area
one [illegible] and one

red lily but that isn't the
name of it mama doesn't
know what the name is &
we have lost our book. If you
will please write and tell
us how much there will
be we will send the money
on to you - I must close
now with love to all from
all I am yours as ever

Lovingly

Fannie

I couldn't write with our ink
it is so very thick
Where is Aunt Sara coming
down & when is she going
west?

F. E.

Utica Nov 20 1878

My dear Aunt Anna.

Hanna is
very poor and wants one to
write for her. Yesterday
Hanna found a letter from
Aunt Paul. asking her to go
to New York with Aunt Jennie
and last evening received
Aunt Jennie's letter.
Hanna thanks you all very
much for the invitation and
as we know she can't accept
but what now it would be
impossible for her to leave
home. Ella and Clarence
go away so soon. and we
of course want to help them
all we can. Then we have

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no girl at present, but have one engaged for next week. I wish so much that Hanna could go now.

Hanna says to write that "it will be impossible for her to leave home until after December."

Jennie if you are not going are you going later for the lessons?

Hanna is feeling quite well now.

Can't Aunt Jennie come here before long? We all want to see her - and you know Ella and Isabel want to be in Rome when she comes back - It is uncertain when that will go.

Hanna says "tell Aunt

Jennie to come here if it is only for one
train, [illegible] to stay as much longer as she
can!"
At present I am busy with Christmas work
dress making, and am as Uncle Alex. calls
me - "little dish washie"
I am making a stand cover for mama
and I'm k now I shall try and paint
a picture for her -
I am making an afghan for Ella to send
to she who was Ella Heffron - She has another
little boy about two months old -
I guess you thought that card was written

in a strange manner - I wrote it in the Post office and was in such a hurry I scarcely knew what I did write.
It is nearly train time and I must take this down to the office so that you may get it tonight

Love to All from All -

Fannie Lewis -

P.S. - much obliged for the address -

Utica May 5 - 1882 -

My dear Cousin -

Mama makes me write you for her - We were very glad to receive your letter Mamma has been waiting - before writing hoping she might be able to tell you Grandpa and Belle were better.

Grandpa seemed a little better Wednesday - but yesterday was abed - almost all day - said he "felt sick all through" - He broke and seem very weak - and altho there are apparently no alarming symptoms - still we all feel very anxious -

It is now a week or more since Belle has been dressed - she didnt seem to be as well yesterday - but the air was very bad and that was against

not in her favor.
Rose is at present in the country
I think Hettie said she was
better.
Grandpa walked to Tauck Street
yesterday morning to be shaved.
I told him you sent your
love to him - he seemed very
much pleased.
Am very sorry you are not well
Hope as the bright weather comes
you will all be better.
We are quite well - Bessie is
with us.
We shall be very glad to see
you at any time when you
feel able to come.
Mama would like ten pounds
of sugar if you find any
nice.
It is dinner time and as we
have no girl I must help
Write when you have time

and fuel able -

Much love to all - from all

Fannie

in [illegible] [illegible] or heard of
only [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
I am going to be
a telegraph operator in
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
We are going to have an
Office here and I shall
have charge of it after a
short time when I get
a little more accustomed to
the different [illegible].
I think I shall like it.
Now that I have said
my say about myself I
propose if agreeable to you
to talk a little [illegible]
you for instance. How are
you, what have you been
doing or reading since I
had the pleasure of seeing
you. How is your sister's

Mother and all of the rest.
Is Eddie better, and Mary
happens she has returned
to New York. Son war is
teaching a private school in
town, and Anna and Ida
are pretty well. My
leave is up with [illegible]
by sending love to all
and wishing all a
Merry Christmas, and
Many Happy New
Years.

Yours

How would you [illegible] such [illegible] as this
if they are [illegible] of [illegible]
Sizes?
This 5.00 is for the Sugar

1875

Utica April 21st

Dear Cousin

Your goods were expressed to you Monday afternoon, Did you recieve them all right? I was busy when they were brought out supposed they would be done well, as the Tyer ~~is~~ recieves many favors from Clarence in the way of Steam &c, I am sorry they were not done sooner as they would have been if I had found the letter, I looked some, or a note or some thing of the kind but not as closely as I would have done had

I been sure there was one there,
. Mrs Williams would like 20
twenty pounds of Maple Sugar
and I would like the same
amount (20 pounds) please
have them done up separately
~~direct~~ so there will be no trouble
in dividing it, But send all
to me Clarence will take
his Mothers to her, ~~I~~ ~~you~~ When
are Sarah and Mr Pritchard
going to Michigan? I hope they
will remember the visit they
promised me before they go,
also be sure not to disappoint
us, I shall be very glad to
see Aunt next Tuesday
you said she would be
here, didn't you? some of us
will meet the morning
on that day

train, hope she will make a visit (not a ~~[illegible]~~ little short one) we are all well and I hope to write you a better letter one of these days. If there are any errands you would like to have done at any time dont hesitate about sending us some of us are down St nearly every day, and would be happy to obeye you in any way we can, it will be no trouble, love to all from all, your cousin

M R Lewis

if you send for seeds before Aunt comes down please send for me
1/2 doz Tuberose
1 Auratum
1 Scarlet Lilly I have forgotten the name & price, & I will pay you again.
if you do not send before then will you send me one of your Vicks Catalognes & I will return it mine has disapeared somewhere

I have not I written

Utica Jan 12th 1882

My Dear Cousins

You are constantly in our thoughts, I wish you were nearer so that we could drop in and see you every day. you are very kind to let us know as often as you do, how you are all getting on, especially Cousin Sarah. I felt very reluctant to leave her and they rest the day I came away, but thought then perhaps I could go again. the last of this week now I find I cannot before sometime next week, then I hope I can then unless you should have other company or Cousin Mary should go home in

that case I will wait
and go some other time.
Father was pleased that
Jennie wrote that card to
him. he recieved it by the
same delivery that I recieved
I E which was written S. at
night. We were glad
to know that Cousin Sarah
was more comfortable than
she was Saturday, we recd
the card sent I think the
9th Father is feeling "Middling"
well, has not been out for
several days owing to the sharp
wind and damp weather
we have been having. Rose
has been quite ill so
much so that Bell became
alarmed about her and
called Dr Seymore to
see her. He visited her
three times. Said she
was threatened with Ma-
larial fever. She seemed
quite down 2 (two) days

she was "up dressed and
her hair combed" yesterday
morning Hettie said I
did not go in to see her
then as it was nearly noon
& only father asked me to.
the other days the ~~ast~~ girls
asked me to see her and
how I thought she was.
she did not look as badly
as I have seen her, But I
could not form an opinion
as to how she was just by seeing
her a few minutes, they
think she will be better
now as the fever seems broken
we are all well, Fannie
recd a card from Owen W
Everett informing her of the
size of their family, State of
health &c I was very glad
that I came home the day
I did, I found Ella and
Bessie there they went home
that evening, and Mrs Duffy
came to wash the next day
(2 weeks washing) it would have
been hard for I without me

as the washing was so large
it left a part of the ironing
to be done the next day,
How is Cousin Mate now? Is
is Edward intending to stay
with you long? Love to you
all also a heart full of sympathy
from your loving Cousin
Mary R Lewis

Utica Sept 20th
(1865)

My Dear Cousins

My Ink is so thick that I will use a pencil if you will excuse me.

I dont know how it has been that so many days have passed since I received Cousin Dana's good letter, & it is still unanswered, it did seem that we had ought to have taken that journey to Turin together but as we did not know how they were circumstanced, that made it all right is Cousin Edward with you now & when will they visit us, please let me know when you can so that I may be at home or possibly

I might be at Rome as
I spend a few days at a
time there when the me-
chanics are too noisy for me
Maggie came back Tuesday
noon, one of Fannie's reception
days was, Wednesday it was
rany until noon 26 calls
in the P.M. & evening. We had
Mollie for the day to tend the
door &c, so we got through quite
comfortably. Fannie & Mr Cross
went to Oriskany Falls Friday
P.M. to stay until Monday
to day Alex has gone to Cassville
So I told Maggie she need not
come till tea time, so that
since coming from Church this
noon I have had the house to
myself it seems that there
are more hours in the P.M. than
usual, though I am having
a very enjoyable time time

with Jackie for company
we are all well, & are having
delightful weather.

How are you all & what
are you all doing? are there
any Moorsrooms? When does
Edward & Family expect to
start for Kansas? Have you
sold the House, & lots of
other questions I would like
to ask but will wait until
I see you, which I hope will be
soon. The Morning after we expected
Mr Butler & Son we recieved a
card from him saying he was having
a very pleasant time there and
had decided to remain some
longer. (he had just recd I card)
he said they would call when
on his way home, & would let
us know when, Love to you
all from your aff Cousin

M R Lewis

Utica March 31 1890

My Dear Cousin

Yours of the 24th was received on time we were very glad to hear from you, I was about to write you again thinking my last might have miscarried, I was sorry not to have seen Robbie & Libbie before they started on their journey I was in hopes they would have stoped at Ossawatomie on their way that we might know how Cousin Jennie seemed to them, they would have noticed any change easier than those who are with her all the time

I am sorry you have another time of that sort, am glad that you are able to keep about the house thank you for Robbies address even if I do not write, My bough is entirely gone, the past three weeks, Fannie & Mont are well, Alex is some better today than he was the past week, He has been at the Office the most of the day had a good rest after Breakfast & quite a sleep after dinner, went out at ½ past two, he strained his hands & shoulders some last week holdin a, Horse which ~~was~~ pulled hard & was affraid of the Electric Car, & once he was near the Bridge on the Whitertown Road, when the Car came by, the Horse jumped & broke the Whiffletree, Although he had a driver with him it shook him up more than was comfort

while he has not been feeling as well
since, but now we hope the worst
is over. They sold out their pack
-ing house, & have leased the Market
for a term of years, they still have
the Office, (that is not in their
building) they have a lease for
some time longer, Bessie is still
with us, enjoys her school also
her music, She has but little
unoccupied time, goes home every
Friday night. If the reports all
well at home to day, we would
like very much to see you & perhaps
will go out some day before long
& stay one or two days, Bessie is
to have a vacation at Easter if she
is with us part of the time &
convenient to you I may take
that time to visit you, We
have not heard Mr Everett sing

but hope to before long, I was glad to hear they ~~overall~~ well in New York, also in Ossawattamie

Mont says if you will make your check payable to Jannie she can draw the money & send it to you in a registered letter or a post Office order as you wish, they will probably ~~with~~ charge some commission, he thought about, 25 cts for any amount less than 100, or one Hundred dollars,

My plants are just living & that is all, they are beginning to brighten some since the bright days have come, but I am not at all proud of them they will do to bed out in the spring & after resting so long ought to do well then love to you from your aff Cousin

Mary R Lewis

Utica May 14th 1893
340 Genesee

My Dear Cousins

How glad I would be if I could just step in and have a good visit with you, I suppose you will soon go to Chicago, I wish very much things &c were so that I could go too, but I do not expect to go, & havent expected to so am not disappointed. How are you both now? I received a letter from Cousin M. A. Roberts inviting me to visit the Fair and stay with her, was not it kind and thoughtful in her & she has so many other relatives with whom she is better acquainted, she said she expect you both sometime this month, I hope you will have a delightful time and enjoy it all, How long are you intending to stay in Chicago? & when are we to see you? you would be surprised if you knew

how much I have missed you notwithstanding my visits to Remsen have been so seldom, and so short of late years. Still when I knew that you were there, I felt that I could see you almost any time, now whenever I think of the Remsen home it all seems so different, be sure and let me know sometime before you come home so that I may have time to send your stove there in readiness for you. They seemed very much surprised that we should have borrowed it, I hope it didn't seem so absurd to you, anyway we are obliged, and thank you for it though we were not obliged to use it as ours did better than we expected it would,

We are all well now (though for the past week without any kitchen maid), we have all had the influenza to a greater or less degree. Fortunately for me had it less, Fannie had three attacks, two quite severe so that she kept her bed a week each time. Mont was only in the grange one day but felt miserably a long time.

The last time Aley had it, it commenced with a nervous shaking or chill lasted three hours, the Dr seemed concerned lest it should affect his heart or lungs, but he was brought through better than we could expect, & has been gaining since and is stronger now than he has been in the past three years, can rise from his chair without help.

Ella and Bessie had the same neither of them are as well as they were before, when Bessie was begining to gain & was not able to go to School, Miss Minnett Allen, of New York invited them to visit her, it was when the Naval Parade was there, They were on the Sandy Hook & it had the right of way so that they were near enough to distinguish the officers and men on board, & their boat set so high out of the water, that they could look down on the decks of nearly all the Foreign Boats, Bessie seemed to appreciate the great privalige of being on that boat, as it gave them a better view than any other could have done the Tickets were secured through some friend of Miss Allen's Ella took two Tickets but did not

know as she could stay, but all was well at home so she staid, The Sandy Hook accomodates 4000 but only 1000 were to be taken, they had the 7th Reg band Luncheon served on board &c, Ella said the serving Luncheon &c was in "finer style" than she had ever seen, every thing seemed just perfect And the Parade was so delayed that they could do their duty by the refreshments, & then see all of the Parade, I am very glad that Bessie could have seen it ~~it was better than a~~ It was quite an education for her,

What do you hear from the Kansas Cousins? I have heard nothing from Remsen since receiving your last, How are they all? please give my love to the Cousins at Hillsdale, & accept a heart full yourselves, lovingly your cousin

Mary K Lewis

A B Wells store burned last week I send you a paper containing an account of the fire

Utica July 25th / 94 -

My Dear Cousin

I have been thinking so much about you especially since receiving your card saying Cousin Mary was still in bed, I thought then that I would go out on the early train some morning and spend the day with you but did not go just then. thinking it would be better to wait a few days thinking of course the family would be from home a week at least probably two, Monday P M Aby came home, said he "didn't feel good & thought he would come home"

had quite a sore spot in his chest, only hurt him when he moved, he is feeling better now, as far as that is concerned, but his eyes are quite sensitive to the light and he seems to have a severe cold in his head. The pain came on Sunday. (He thinks it was caused by taking a little cold) he called Dan in the night but didn't succeed in getting him up, the next day they came home (disgusted with Dan for sleeping so soundly, I think, had a good deal to do with his coming home,) I was very glad that I was here when he came home or he would have felt forlorn enough.

Please let me know how Cousin Mary is.

I am very glad that Mrs Hughes is wo

Fannie Mont and Theodore
are having a happy and restful
time Fannie writes that she
has been entirely free from
Headache since Friday, the
day before she went to the Island
She said she felt almost
discouraged her head had
ached so long and so contin-
-ally for some weeks, I hope
she will have less care and
anxiety than she has had
for the past six or seven
months, Ella & family are
well, Fannie & Mont ~~visited~~
called on Aley Sunday and
took dinner with him at
the Hubard House,
I hope Cousin Mary is able to be
about by this time, & how
are you feeling through it all?
with you, love to you all
Aff your Cousin M R Lewis

Utica May 27th / 97

My Dear Cousins

When I sent the card yesterday it had not been decided when Aby was to be laid to rest, last evening it was finally decided to be tomorrow afternoon (Friday) after or about three o'clock.

I am feeling much better than before ~~Ella~~ I visited Bessie at ~~the~~ Northampton, we were there a week. Henry seems to feel as well as we could expect, he rides ~~more~~ more than

he used to, two or three times a week. As I think it is of benefit to him. I think it is wonderful the way he has been sustained through this great sorrow, the rest of us are as usual excepting Jamie. she has spared me all she could, as getting the things ready, or the appraisal has been very trying for her, as makes the baby nervous, so that she cannot get him away from her nights, consequently she is more tired in the morning than when she goes to bed, The appraisal is to be next week ~~Then~~ I think we will all feel relieved when it is over with,

Love to you both from
both Fannie & myself
Mary R Lewis

Thursday. 9. A. M.

Utica March 11th 1895

My Dear Cousin

I have been intending to write you since I received your letter, I do not know as you know that Bertha Hardy is seriously ill, though he has been gaining considerably since Sunday that was his worst day, ~~that night~~ he consented to have a Dr called then, his system seemed to respond readily to the remedies, so that he was much better Monday; each day he has seemed to gain some, but Thursday night it was not a very good night for him, Friday he was better & talked about the Block he is building and seemed stronger

he is not quite as well to night (Saturday) I will ~~[illegible]~~ write more tomorrow after we here how he is Fannie and Mont have just gone there. to see just how he is, and if it seems best Fannie will stay there to night, though she can do nothing for him as well as the man he has with him, and Mrs (Rogers & Proprietors Wife) is very kind to do anything for him and he is accustomed to her way and is pleased with it,

Sunday 12th

after we received the Telephone from the Dr, last night Mont and Fannie started immediately, Mont spoke to him, asking how he felt. he said not very well, I did not go in the room, in a few minutes Mr Tool came to tell them he thought Henry was failing, Mont went in and spoke to him, and received no reply, Fannie had him Telephone directly for the Dr, he came quickly (in a few minutes) found him failing rapidly said the Heart

action was very weak, he rallied after taking some remedy,
This morning he was quite as well and strong (apparently) as at any time during the past week Fannie and Mont stand there until five oclock this morning, Mont came with a cab for me at 12 oclock thinking Henry could hardly last until I got there, he had revived by the time I got there, and was quite disturbed because the Dr was there, & people about the Hall, asking what the Dr was there for?, so of course, I came home without seeing but knowing that he was much better, at 11 oclock this A M Mont & Mr Sayer, went to see him, he was in quite (for him) a talkative mood, with very little pain, Laughed and talked with Mr Sayer about Old times, The trouble with him, is his back, after getting up one night, in getting back to bed he fell striking the small of his back against the frame of the Bed, I will write you again

and let you know how he is
getting on I hope I may have
better news to write you next
time, Lovingly your Cousin

Mary R Lewis

We think it was only fair for you to write us two letters to our one this last time for just see what a big package we send you when we do get started.

268 West St. N.

Hillsdale, Mich.

June 21, 1893.

My Dear Aunties,

I have just been weeding the flower beds and have brought in with me one hundred and twenty six pansies just from the few plants that you and we have. Yours have been doing splendidly and ours have been so encouraged by their good example that they have taken a start and are doing almost as well. The sweet brier is all full of roses and the little rose bush

in front of your window is in blossom. Last week was a succession of good times for me with Commencement and every thing else. The last day our Trigonometry class recited, Prof. Martin said that he had one more problem which he wished to give the class, and that if we would come to his house Tues. at half past five, he would give us the data. As we anticipated, the problem was to find the best method of disposing of an elegant supper. We had such a nice time. We had supper served at little square tables, and four sat at a table. Some thought it was too formal but I liked it for

I learned so many little things about how such things should be conducted. Wednesday was class day at the college. The classes marched into the church and were seated in a body. Of course the Freshmen (who now are Sophomores) wore their hats and excited much interest in the beholders. We all, except Emma & Eva, attended Commencement. The lecture by Mr. Crandall of Chicago was splendid. Fee is a graduate of this college. Last Fri. night my class in the high school and the class of the year before had a reunion at Stella Washburn's. That afternoon Herman Stowell drove over here and asked if he shouldn't

come over after me that night with his horse and buggy. I was quite willing and thus did not get all tired out ~~riding~~ walking over there. All of our class were there except one. All the teachers and a large number of the other class were also there. I enjoyed it very much. We each had a pretty little napkin ring to bring away made of celuloid in the class colors and with our names and the date put on it with gilding.

Mr. Johnson sent me a little souvenir edition of Luke printed in French, when he wrote last. I shall think a good deal of it since it came from the fair. I hope that Aunt Mary has seen a good lot of the fair and that Aunt Emma is getting well fast. With very much love,

Claire.

[NEWCOMB]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

My dear Annie,

Every [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] this letter you may know that it is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Emma and Eva, I presume you both [illegible] helping them by this time. [illegible] Emma and Eva have been up preparing for their celebration [illegible] breakfast the fun began. [illegible] of course. I have been [illegible] them. I [illegible] to [illegible]

jumps the highest into the air
[illegible] the [illegible] in [illegible]
or the cracker when it goes off.
Every [illegible] will [illegible] to
the bridge [illegible] of [illegible]
evening so I think it will be quite
a glorious Fourth. Aunt [illegible]
has gone to [illegible] spend the
forenoon. Did mamma
tell you that I received the [illegible]
[illegible] you sent me from Chicago?
I was very much pleased with it,
and it will be so nice for next [illegible].
[illegible]

Last Sunday auntie and I
went to the Presbyterian church
and heard Mr. Crawford preach.
Do you remember him, he was
visiting at the Sheldons a great deal
last summer. He has just been
married and his wife is beautiful,
almost too pretty for him.

Nellie [illegible] went up
Thursday to visit her brother
some days there. [illegible]
had invitations to [illegible]
though I shouldn't wonder if we
were pretty depleted [illegible]
[illegible] by the time we get home
again. We are going to [illegible]
and some white [illegible]
out of all our lunch basket.
We are all talking of going over
[illegible] with Mrs. [illegible] [illegible]
If we drive around [illegible] [illegible]
you will go won't you? [illegible]
Mr. [illegible] says that [illegible] the
best looking [illegible] he has seen yet.
But better than that, there are
ten lovely looking melon vines.
When the melons get ripe you
Chicago will have no charms
for me, melons indeed! [illegible]
there with me! Did you

know that I have a Kaufman pic-
ture? A good fairy [illegible] me
Aunt Heathie placed it on my
bureau one morning. It is so good,
I want to show it to you.
The grass on the campus has just
been cut. It was so long that it
almost obscured the horses who
drew the mower. Don't you think
Aunt Mary, that mamma makes a
pretty good collector to get both these
fees especially that bad debt of
Mrs. Davis? But the bad debt was
not bad at all in comparison with the
butter we got for it. However it
does for dinner and cooking all
night. Mrs. Kingston's is so nice that
any other menus poor beside it.
I am glad you are having such a

26 West St. N.
[illegible]
[illegible] 1873.

[illegible] Aunt [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] I haven't written to you soon
er is because you wrote me such a
good long letter that I felt quite
satisfied, but now I begin to think
we should like to hear from you
again so that stirs me up to write
again. Yesterday afternoon
we had quite a surprise. I was
sitting in the hammock reading
when for some reason I happened
to turn about and look down the
street and there saw approaching
a very smiling and brown Mr.
Johnson, who was planning to

stood behind me before I saw him. We have had such a nice visit with him, he has taken both supper and breakfast with us. He has come to stay and has found work with the secretary of the college. He has brought down a lot of photographs and books for us to see and a pretty march for me from Chicago, and says there are more coming. He has a very large picture of all the Hillsdale rolling chair boys that is very interesting to me. So we were only left alone in the house two nights. Aunt Hattie and Eva left Mondays p.m. They came very near losing the train but it waited for them. We got a card yesterday saying that they found Uncle John and Aunt Agia in Detroit waiting

to go home with them. What a lovely time they will all have.
Last week we all went to Bawbeese and all walked! We had a lovely time and did not get very tired. Aunt Heathie and the children rode home but mamma and I walked. I wrote to Aunt Mary while we were there. The Monday before that Nellie Montgomery and I walked out there. It was Nellie's birthday. Don't you think I am quite a pedestrian? Mr. Johnson says he wants to go out and get some lilies. Last Wed. we all took dinner at the Aldriches. Mr. Aldrich and Emma are here and they are living in the Gurney house. We had a real nice time. The next house is being all fixed up. Mr.

Hayes has purchased it and says he will let it to good families only. If the Parkinsons do not move out by next Monday they will be set out he says. Mrs. Dr. Johnson called here Monday evening. She inquired after our aunties.

N. B. Johnson was married yesterday. It makes his brother feel quite disconsolate. Mr. Weedon delivered the Fourth of July address at his home this year. How queer it seems. What a nice time you are having at Merrill. We enjoy hearing about it.

With very much love,

Claire.

Muffit is very good now, for her. She skimmed the cream for us last night but of course that was nothing.

Dear Aunties,

I don't want to let a family letter go without something from me so I send [illegible] pansies which I picked from your flower bed Monday. I am tired after my party last night and have an examination in Rhetoric this afternoon so I must put off writing much till next time. Our party was a success and I had a splendid time but my eyelids have a downward tendency today.

With much love,

Claire.

Words written for [illegible]

Come sit thee by my side Annie, darling
And let me feel thy [illegible]
Rest gently on my cheek Annie darling
Tell how thee near me now.

We were strangers when we met Annie, darling
Our hearts were [illegible] and [illegible]
For sweet memories lingered Annie darling
Left as ones left at home.

We had left [illegible] hills Annie, darling
Where the streamlet gently flows,
Wandered far to westward Annie darling
To prairie lands and groves

Let us [illegible] one another Annie, darling
While in stranger lands we roam
And the tie that binds us Annie darling
Be stronger when we're home.

Galesburg Ill.
Spring of 58

[illegible]

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Runsen Mt
Madam.

I return you herewith Insurance Policy recd. in yours of the 11th Have made assignment & had it recorded — Please accept thanks for your trouble

Respy.
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Anna L. Everett
Remsen Mb
Madam.

Yours of the 22nd rec'd and contents noted - When Mr Baffrey sell's his Cattle & pay's the note & Mortgage I will fix it so that you will get your money & interest whenever you want it without any loss of interest. You just keep the Baffrey note & Mc-entire I send for it then will count it & send you my note drawing same rate of interest - I prefer to do it in this way. as I keep my affairs so that if I were to be called up higher as you say" No Lawyers would take what I have from my wife & boy. I never run any bills & if I owe any thing have

it is a note where my wife knows when to find it all she has to do then is to pay it - Will write you when Roffney is ready to pay.

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OTTAWA, KANSAS.

June 18/98

Anna L. Everett
Remsen N.Y.

Dear Madam

Enclosed please find my Ex $17.50 which please endorse as interest on my note for $500 due July 1st 1898. If satisfactory to you will send you new note on July 1st If not kindly advise me & I will write you fully as I have been trying to get a first class real estate loan to take the place of this but so far have been unable to do so — I hope to soon.

Respy.
W. B. Kiler

June 21, 1898 — Sent Note #500 to Mr. Kiler for renewal. Anna L. Everett.

Dear Cousins Anne:

Your nice fat letter reached us this morning and we enjoyed it. I am so glad that you are raining. We have been having some very cold weather but it is much warmer to day. Your brother came out and took dinner with us for the first time since his illness. He adhered to his regulation diet of fish and potatoes cocoa and bread and applesauce but it seemed good to have him at the table once more. For the last two nights he has not taken any nourishment in the night. I fancy he is trying to return to old time practices but he still has his supper about six o'clock consisting last night of mush and maple syrup only. His cough is very much better and he raises less, though [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] night.

In strength [illegible] is improving though his steps are not very steady especially when going down stairs. (He has been down two or three times) I think he is gaining quite fast, but I hope he will not think of leaving for [illegible] until he is much stronger. His face is [illegible] and perhaps it is well for him to make as few changes as possible till warm weather comes.

An expressman has just brought me a box, the one I suppose of which you spoke but how large it is. I wonder what is in it. Edward has gone on the other side of the river and I will wait till he returns to open it. He does help me very very much. Indeed he is so useful everywhere that I shall miss him greatly when he leaves — thanks to you for his training and I am sure he appreciates his "hunties". Do not [illegible] work with such help I am doing very well. We do not have elaborate bills of fare but console ourselves by thinking bread & butter and apple sauce

is better

What shall I say now the box is opened? after seeing the nice cakes and pies. We will cease to land our sample fare for already we have sampled one of the pies and pronounced it par excellent and the cake would have suffered a similar fate but for our lack of capacity but really cousins I feel that you might not to have done so much for us though we do appreciate your kindness and I am sure when we are enjoying the good things we shall be duly thankful The maple sugar we shall save for the invalid he enjoys it so much, and I think he will like the grapes also. How did you know cousin Mary that I was short of sheets. It was very nice in you to send them but I fear you have robbed yourselves. Cousin Edward

says it just like you to be sending
somebody something and I believe he
is right. I only hope you have not tired
yourselves all out in fixing things for us.
Dont think of me as being so overburdened
for really I am taking things easily, and you
know cousin Mary that we live very simply
I might have a hired girl, but think I
prefer Edwards help to that of a stranger.
I want to mail this and so will close
with thanks for your kindness and
wishing I could send you something
to lighten your work. Our fingers thank
you for the holders.

Affly Your cousin
M A Roberts

Chicago Jan 22d 1892
22 Center Avenue

Chicago Ill Feb. 26th 1894
22 Center Avenue

Dear Cousin Anna

Your present was deserving of more notice than a postal card but as I was at a store where I could get a postal ~~card~~ I wrote it there and mailed it before going home thinking you would like to know of the safe arrival of your gift. I find it very very useful as well as beautiful and wonder that I never thought of getting one for myself but I never did. I presume cousin Mary Clarke would feel like thanking you too if she knew about it for no doubt I have shocked her by tying my old veil around my neck just because it was convenient and did not shock me. We have been having such sunless depressing weather that I have thought of you and wondered if your weather was like ours.

I trust it has been more pleasant. The sun has tried by spells to shine to day and we saw it for half an hour yesterday, but with these exceptions it has not looked upon us for the last ten days. Everything outside was reeking with moisture and even well people were grumbling about the weather. Coughs colds and rheumatism abound. Mrs Cross the tenant below was quite sick for a week — the Dr said she came near having pneumonia and that her lungs are still affected. She is some better, but her baby is not well I think his teeth are troubling him I flattered myself that I was doing well, but last Monday I went down town to find out how Clark was (he had been quite sick with a cold) and I came back with an instellment for myself, so this week I have been one of the shut ins

also, but I am much better to day and if the sun will only shine I hope to be in usual conditions soon. I should have written you before only we have had such a hospital here. I hope the Michigan cousins have fared better. I had a letter to day from your brother, cousin John I think he feels a little blue because he does not gain in strength faster; but he ought not to expect that till warm weather comes. I shall tell him when I write that he ought to consider himself very fortunate to be as well as he is. Dr Griswold the husband of a friend of mine was taken with grippe a week or so after cousin John and in very much the same way. When cousin left we thought Dr Griswold was getting better. To day I saw a notice of his death in the paper. Our weather of late has been very hard upon invalids and those who were not strong. Cousin John

sent me his picture to day. He sat for it the morning that he left. I think it very good. I am so glad that Frankie can see her grandfathers face on paper if not otherwise. Have you heard from the Utica cousins lately? Do you think Ellen and her family will remove to Utica? I would like to know how they all are. Cousin Eliz Foulkes about whom I have written in my letter to your sister tells me that Lizzie Williams is touring with Eliz. Mary Roberts of Dolgelly. They are now in Florence or Rome and having a pleasant time. Mrs Foulkes said "Aunt Highgate" wished to be remembered to me I would like to know more about the old lady. Cousin Edward and I thought of writing to her but we did not. I don't know what to call her. Well I see I am at the end of this sheet. I hope I have not tired you out

My love to cousin Lizzie & family. I shall be very glad to hear from you whenever you feel able to write

Affy
Your cousin
M A Roberts

[illegible]

Now I [illegible]

[illegible] you. Let me see "the pleasure of your company" oh I can't finish it for it is quite out of my line and I don't know how so please consider yourselves invited, you and [illegible] to the [illegible] of my lovely roof sometime in the month of June whenever that "medical convention" shall convene (I asked Mrs D. Stansbury and she said she did not know she only remembered that the date was an uneven number she thought the 13th) If you come you had [illegible] day, a week or two weeks and I would like to keep you longer only I presume I shall have others to entertain. Then too if coming [illegible] would like to come I would

like to have them here for a while before you
leave — the sleeping arrangements are
what bothers me for I have only the
front room unoccupied but I think
we can manage for two or three nights
so you as well as myself can enjoy
their company. I will write him to
day. I am afraid for you cousin Anna
that the street cars may be crowded
and the city pretty full so that it may
not be as easy getting around as it was
before, and I may not be able to go quite
as much, but then the railroad fare will
be low, and in my humble home we shall
not feel the surging crowd or at least its
pressure as much as in many homes.
If able to walk, you can go to Jefferson
Park and perhaps to Union Park and
on Madison St and by taking the right
time, I think sometimes on the cable
to Garfield, or Douglas Park. I hardly

think you will feel strong enough to visit the Fair but if you cannot, don't you think with all your limitations it would pay you to come? I do not like crowds and so we could visit together. Please let me hear from you and ask cousin Mary to let me know as soon as she finds out when that convention will convene and when she would like to come and if you can come also.

I received the Welsh Magazine for which I am greatly obliged and also for the medicine which came in your letter I am glad to know that cousin John is recovering. I should [illegible] written him out [illegible] so busy. I am thankful that I have been so well and that Gene is here to help me. Much love to all the cousins and yourself

In haste Your cousin

M. T. Roberts

Chicago Dec Mar 23d 1893
22 Center Avenue

Chicago Dec 10th 1894
22 Center Ave

Dear Cousins

I am so glad I can write cousins, and that Mary is well enough for me to talk with her. You both have had a trying time I am sure and I do wish you had a good hired girl that you could depend upon to stay with you. I hope you may be able to get one now that Mary is convalescing; but we cannot be thankful enough that you did get a good nurse. Sickness I know means great expenses and I want you both to have all you can to make you

comfortable this winter. It seems to me that your Heavenly Father wants you to make yourselves as comfortable as possible. I do not see how you can come West this winter and I fear it will be dreary for you in the old home but God will help you to plan and give you strength for duties to come as He has for the past. I know He will not forsake you and may the sunshine of His presence so light up every nook and corner of the old place that it may be a veritable Bethel where the sorrow and sadness shall be forgotten in the joy of communion with our ever present Friend. Did I not know that He is watching over you and drawing still closer because your friends are away I ought

be troubled about you. I know how it has been with me and I know how it will be with you unseen forms will guard you and the Holy Spirit will whisper to you things which He could not do in the flush of health and in the busy crowd. "Come ye apart into a desert place and rest awhile" Christ seems to be saying to you as to the disciples of old and who shall say that rest was not a blessed one even though it was spent feeding the hungry thronging crowds. If you are to stay there this winter God has some good reason for it and we will leave the ways and wherefores till He makes them plain. I shall think of you often when the winter storms are howling and wish I could look in upon you or better still talk with

you awhile. I cannot step in with any little comforts as no doubt your kind neighbors do but I will enclose in this fifteen dollars to get some of the things which you may need. I will try to send you more before long: meanwhile if you are needing let me know. Can you keep warm in the old house and has Mary an easy warm wrapper? Is there anything I can get for you or do for you? If so let me know. I had a letter from cousin John last week giving directions for new glasses. I suppose they left the opticians Monday, so perhaps cousin John has them now. You know I shall be very glad to hear from you but I know for that you neither of

you are able to write much but if you can send a postal occasionally I shall be thankful. Clarkie's eldest Mary was married last Thursday to Charles Farnsworth a very worthy young man and an active christian. They have built a pretty house of of nine rooms next to my brothers. Dr & Mrs Clarke, Grace and myself were at the wedding. There were about 25 guests, relatives of the two families. Grace Clarke expects to marry Glenn Plumb January 1st. They will remain with Dr. Mr Plumb boards there now. He is doing well financially in his law business. It is

late and I must stop writing
or I shall not sleep well to night
Good night May God add His
blessing and His Peace

Affly Your cousin
Mary A. Roberts

P S When you see the Utica cousins
please give them my love.

Dear Cousin

I was glad to hear from you and to know that cousin Mary was able to get out a little. I suppose if the Lord does best for you to stay at the Springs there is some good reason for it either in some lesson which he thinks you can learn better there, or because you have some work there to do for him. We cannot see the why but we know it must be right and that he who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb can and will care for you. Enclosed is an Express Order for fifteen dollars which I trust may help to mollify the bruises a little while your cousin is with you

through the winter. You ought not to be alone. How are the Utica cousins. Give my love to them when you see them! My health is pretty good though I am never so well winters — the sudden changes here, with the cold tell upon me. Dis family are in usual conditions. Grace expecting to be married Jan 1st and they all intend to move to their new home at River Forest (6 miles out) in the spring probably in April. I shall miss them very much. Brothers family are pretty well. I have been intending to go there, but have not been there since the wedding, I have seen different members of the family — they say Mary is quite happy in her new home

Cora is washing the end baby will go with Drs folks when they move. I must go in [illegible] to get something for dinner and as I would like to [illegible] this then I will close.

Affly Your cousin
Mary H. Roberts

Chicago Dec 4th 1894
22 Center Ave

Dear Cousins

The postman has just brought your letter of Sept 19th. I was very glad to hear from you and quite surprised to learn of the existence of little Margaret Helen Everett, May blessings rest upon her and may she bring great joy to her parents and others. I hope better health may be in their household. Who the Bettel cousins are I do not know but am glad that you found pleasure and profit in your visit and returned with improved health. We are hoping to see cousin Mary Lewis and Fannie this week. Perhaps they start to day. The books you spoke of I received in good order and thank you - for the new covers - I supposed I had acknowledged them coming.

Mrs Clarke has been very sick but is better now so that she came in Chicago for awhile yesterday. Grace however is quite miserable so she has to keep her bed much of the time She is suffering from hemorrhoids and lacerations Her baby Isabel, is about one month old — both children are well but not very strong. I fear Grace will be obliged to have an operation and I dread that word. If Grace is better so her mother can leave. I think Mrs Clarke and I will go to Watkins N.Y. the forepart of Oct. I do not care to stay there long and shall be very glad to accept the kind invitation which you sent to visit you leaving Mrs Clarke to make a longer stay at Watkins. She hopes her health may be benefitted by a stay there if she can go East. Of course I would not like to miss seeing cousin Mary Lewis and Fannie here and by the time they

are off for Omaha I trust Grace will be better, so we can speak more definitely of our proposed Eastern trip — then I will write again. Clark has returned from northern Michigan — his head is in bad condition but better than it has been The rest of the family are as usual Lizzie went with some friends to the Yellowstone Park this summer. She says she and Clark think of going to Mexico on the Isthmus this winter ~~to [illegible]~~ where Lewis the 2d son is. The 3rd son Willis has been home from Mexico and has now gone to California where he has a ranch in Washington and also an interest in a mine. He was not well in Mexico. The 4th son Linscott I suppose will marry this winter and another house will go up on Clarks land. Then they will

have three of their children around them but none in the old house. I imagine it may be lonely there. I was glad to hear of cousin Edwards family and the other cousins. I am hoping for many nice talks with you if the Lord permits me to go East. as I hope to do. My Aunt Mrs Leffingwell of Hatkins is getting to be quite an old lady 81. As to myself I think my health is some better than it was in the Spring and I am feeling better than when Belle was here but I may have to go away this winter (not to Florida) to some milder climate. I will not write more just now but with much love believe me affly

Your cousin

Mary A. Robert

Chicago, Ill Sept 21st 1898
22 Center Avenue

Dear Cousin Anne

I think I will write you this time for possibly when this reaches Hillsdale your sister may have started for Chicago. I wrote yesterday saying if she could come and leave you comfortably cared for I thought in consideration of the good it would do your brother it would pay, even if she could stay only two or three days. I think Hillsdale a little off the Lake Shore Road and do not know just how they connect. Perhaps she may not get that letter until Monday. Your brother rested pretty well last night though he said the time was long after one

o'clock He keeps his water and
spectacles on the stand beside
the bed and I imagine he
consults them occasionally
in the night. One thing is very
encouraging. In the last twenty
four hours he has taken more
nourishment than he has in all
the previous time since last Monday
morning, and it has not distress-
ed him either. I began yesterday
with less than a teaspoonful of
mutton broth. Now I put rice
in it and have it strong and he
takes two or three tablespoonfuls at
a time without disturbance. This
morning I gave him two or three
teaspoonfuls of California Breakfast
Food (crushed Wheat) He wanted
some Maple Syrup on it and I let
him have it not not without fear

but it seemed to be all right *
He has had mother both the
times this morning and says
it tastes good. I have given his
chicken broth this afternoon. He
has coughed some son since he
came. For while this seemed to decrease
for the last two days he has coughed
more & expectorates considerably.
I think he was much pleased
when I told him I had asked Mary
to come and see him. He spoke of
how God he should be to meet her and
then of you and said he had not seen
you for a long time. I told him you
was so feeble I did not think you
would dare to come. There is considerable
sickness here arising from swallow griffe and

* The syrup was made from the sugar you sent the mount [illegible] The fact that it came from Hillsdale I believe it is an additional relish. Forgive me that I have not thanked you for it before.

[illegible]. I wish you was strong enough to come but we will be thankful if Mary can come and give us her opinion of the case. Cousin says he is in no pain only weak but he has lost so much flesh it makes me sorry to look at him. I am very glad however that he has begun to eat if it is only spoon food. My cold is much better. I dared not venture out of doors when cousin came. This week Alice Adams, (twelve years old) came to stay with me not knowing that I especially needed her, so Providence provides though we are often so blind about seeing it. Very likely she may be with me next week though then she will go to school. I hope some of the good friends will look after you if Mary leaves you, so that you will be comfortable in her absence. I disliked to ask her to

come because I supposed you being so feeble must need her. But I thought if ~~I~~ cousin John could only see some one of the home folks soon for a day or so, if no longer it would do him a world of good. I would have sent for his son but he is so far away and I ~~did~~ feared I might interfere with business plans. I must write J. E. to day also to cousin Robert so I will close this hoping you are as well as usual. How we are trammelled by the imperfections of these earthly tabernacles and of all the multitude of the redeemed I think none can appreciate a perfect body like those who have been invalids here and who have come through much tribulation

Affly Your cousin
M A Roberts

CHICAGO, ILL.
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Miss Anna Everett
268 West St — 8
Hillsdale
Michigan

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HILLSDALE

The Savings Bank of Utica.

UTICA, N. Y., October 2, 1893.

Our open accounts have become so numerous that we have introduced the Card Index, for the purpose of quickly referring to the description of a depositor. You will please call in person at the Bank and bring your Pass Book, in order that we may obtain your signature and description on the card. Depositors residing in or near Utica, should call at once; those residing at a distance, should call the first time they are in the City. If impossible to call in person, you will please so inform us. You are earnestly requested to comply with our request.

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Anna L. Everett.

Remsen.

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Utica, N.Y. Oct. 17 1893

Anna L. Everett
Merrill
Michigan

If you will kindly send us your Pass-Book by mail it will answer the purpose, We will then send you a Signature Card and upon the return to us of the Card we will at once stamp your Pass Book "Taken" and return the book to you. Please comply with this request.

Respectfully yours
Rufus. P. Birdseye
Asst Treas

208 West St N.
May 30 1893
Hillsdale
Mich

My Dear Aunt Anna.

When I got home from the hop drill saturday I found you were gone. Mamma dressed me for the hop drill down at the church my dress was so pretty. I enjoyed it very much. Mamma and Marie and Eva all went. Eva liked it very much it is a very nice day I think. I have

read all the Lamplighter
I think it is a very inter-
resting book do not you.
Muffit is a very bad cat
Eva and I have been
hanging marbeta here
yesterday I send my love
to Aunt Mary I hope you
will write to me soon.

good-by
Anna Louise Sands

[illegible] West St N.
[illegible] 21 [illegible]
Hillsdale.
Mich.

Dear aunt Anna

We were so glad to receive aunt Mary's letter yesterday. it has been real hot here for a few days. but it is not so hot to-day Eva and I went over to a pretty at Belles week before last we had a very nice time and got pretty tired we had supper out doors and played out doors too we went over to see Belle yesterday and played school it was so much fun I hope we'll have some more rain before long there is a rose out in the flower bed in front of your windows it is a red

one and very pretty. the
thermometer went up to 93
one day this week Ina and
I had a christmas tree
a few days ago. I got the Fools
Errand for a Sunday School
book last sunday I do not
like it very well did you
ever read it why dont you
write to me we have a
good many pansies now
they are so pretty I hope
you will write to me.

good-by: Emma

268 West St. N.
July 27 1893
Hillsdale
Mich.

My Dear Aunt Anna

I was so glad to get your letter. Eva went last Monday in the afternoon tram Claire picked 158 pansys in the beds yesterday they are so pretty I think. I have got John Halifax for a S.S. book this week I like it very much. we all went out to the lake last Thursday and had a lovely time I hope we can go agan before long. the nice (?) family next door are going to move out next week I hope. they have a new little boy baby now you

know. I am going over and see Belle to day I think. I like the C. E. F meetings so much better than I did a little while ago. Dube, is going to write to muffit in a little while Eva says. muffet is a very bad cat now she wants to eat all the time. I hope you will write to me before long

good-by from your
twin Annie Sands

Hillsdale, Mich.
Oct. 9 1893.
268 West St.

My Dear Aunt Anna.
It
has been a very pleasant day
here today and quite
warm, Mamma and Claire
have gone down town and so
I am all alone Mamma said
she didnt think they
would be gone but a little
while but it is almost
six now, I think Mamma
wrote you that I was
going to school didnt she?
I do enjoy it so much
I am in the 6th grade with
Belle and Bessie. I could be
in the 7th if I wanted to,
Mrs, Gaskins is the teacher

I like her real well, my average scholarship was 95 in September Bessie's was just the same. I got 96 in spelling don't you think that was pretty good for me? I got 100 in arithmetic too and I don't know of a one in the class that got 100 but me. Mr Johnson went to a quarterly meeting held at bridge Mich. this morning and will not be back till some time Monday. The A. C. E. had a reception for Prof. Salley last Wednesday evening Claire went with me and we called for Belle we had a very nice time I have got a very nice Sunday School book the name of it

is Olive. I think it is a very interesting book. Muffit is a real well cat now and she wants to eat all the time she has had a lot of meat and milk to night, We did not have any school last week after wednesday so everyone could go to the fair I havn't been to the fair at all for I didnt feel as if I wanted to, Claire has gone to Kappa meeting, I wish you would write to me before long,

Your loving niece
Anna Sands.

265 West St N.
Milledale, Michigan,
Oct. 23. 1893,

My Dear Aunt Anna,

When I got home from school this morning, I found that Claire had got a letter from you and that there was a letter in it for me O. I was so glad to get it. I am out doors now siting on the steps It has been a beautful day here to day so warm and pleasant almost like summer Uncle Holden came here this noon we were so glad to see him as he has not been here for over tow years Claire went up to the cemetery with him this after noon they had a lovely time

I am enjoying my school so much now. We do not have the same teacher at our school that they had last year Mrs. Larkins is the teacher now. I like her real well, she is not very pleasant a good deal of the time. Our S. S. is doing very well now we have 32 in it now I have never lead the meeting yet. but none of the little ones have yet maybe we will some time Mrs. Amerman still is the teacher of my Sunday School class I like so much we are thinking of going down with the older ones Christmas eve and Mrs Amerman says she can't with us I don't know what we shall do with out her. I picked a few pansies a few day ago they

were very preity. Mr. Foot is the postman just as he was when you were here he is all full of fun too, I think that lady got a good many presents at her birthday party and real nice ones. Mr. Johnson is geting along very well he has got a good many plants this winter and they are very preity, Some day this winter when you are not looking for me you will hear a knock at the door and when you open it there I shall be, I think Mamma found those little books of yours and put them with your things I will ask her and if she didnt look for them, Muffit is a real good cat now days she eats a good deal of meat and milk and goes out almost every night

with the old cats she did not feel well well a few days ago but is all right now, Mamma got a postal from Aunt Hatty this morning, I hope you will write to me before long I enjoy getting your letters so much.

Your loving neice.

Anna Louise Sands

Hillsdale, Mich. Apr. 13, [illegible]

Dear Aunt Emma,

We learned the other day through John and Effie that you had been confined to your bed for some weeks. This reminded me again of your kind letter which I fully intended to answer right away when I received it. I am very sorry that you are having to be sick so long for I know just how tedious it is. I hope the warm spring weather will make you feel better and you will soon be as well as usual. We are having lovely weather here almost like summer. All we need is a little rain to make everything green. The robins and blue birds are building their nests. I always think of Aunt Jennie such pleasant days as these and how she used to like to walk out and take the children out. Little Emma was

... take as flow. Perhaps you have it. I hope you will be able to answer this letter soon. With much love to Aunt Jessie Aunt Mary yourself and little Eddie from Lizzie. Father wishes to be remembered to you all.

out [illegible] almost all day yesterday, and
[illegible] today. We have been [illegible] in the
[illegible] yesterday. Mr. Cole has the garden this
year. He does all the work and furnishes the
seed and has two thirds of all he raises.
I have a little spot under the [illegible] apple tree
where I have planted some lettuce and [illegible]
to have a few flowers. I mean to have morning
glories over the south kitchen window and the
south end of the piazza. Claire goes down
town to the Union School. She is in the
eighth grade grammar. Next Fall she
will be fitted to enter the High School.
She is a little taller than I am now and
is larger of her age than Anna. We have
been having a visit of three weeks from
Nettie, Holden and Eva. Holden was gone
one week of the time to Ohio where his
father lives. His mother has been very sick
for the past six months and is not
expected to live long. Little Eva had for-
gotten all about us here in the past year

and was very much afraid of [illegible] all. She clung to her papa and mamma and cried if they [illegible] out of the [illegible] for a minute but before she went away she made friends with us all and stayed with me the last Sunday they were here and let her mamma go to meeting. She is just beginning to try to take a few steps alone. She is a very good baby and very strong and healthy. She weighs as much now as Anna did when she was two and a half years old. She goes to sleep by herself for her naps and at night and sleeps all night. They expect to visit us again this summer. We also expect a visit from John and Agnes. Holden and Lottie are planning to be here at the same time, so you see we shall have a family party. Azia has not been here for two years but John has been here once since then.

We have had some very good lectures here this winter. I heard one at our church by Justin McCarthy on Home Rule for Ireland.

The prohibition sisters have been very good. Father and I heard General Fisk also Mr. Poole of New York. Mr. Rowland has been holding revival meetings at our church and over down town. Between thirty and forty have been baptized at the college church since then and about the same number have united with the church.

A good many new houses are being built this season. Four new houses were built on this street last summer. We have city water in Hillsdale now and some electric lights. They are talking of putting an electric light wherever there has been a street lamp. I will copy the recipe you spoke of though it is not like that I make when you were at Lewiston I think I have forgotten just how that was made. It seems strange to give Aunt Jennie a recipe for anything, I know she cooks so nicely. This is taken from the Applecore Cook book. There is a recipe in that for yeast that I have been using lately and like it very much.

P. S. I forgot to say that the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you gave me [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] pretty [illegible], [illegible] you could [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

N.

Dear friend [illegible],

You don't know how glad I was to get your letter, not only to hear from you but also to know that you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I wish we could [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] last summer again. I want to tell you [illegible] that I am acquainted with you more than I did before, and it seems as if you would [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. There is so [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and it [illegible] [illegible] pleasant.

There isn't much news [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Kitchen [illegible] wall [illegible]
[illegible] pineapple [illegible] basket of [illegible]
[illegible]

I would tell you of a plan I have that will [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible]
going to [illegible] and [illegible] Lots [illegible]
[illegible] winter. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] all [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible]
and [illegible] about [illegible] the life of [illegible]
[illegible] you think they will [illegible]?

[illegible]
[illegible]
I have not [illegible] regular [illegible]
days. I am [illegible]
[illegible] has been out [illegible] a little [illegible]
vacation. She [illegible] not like [illegible]
well. [illegible] he gets [illegible]
I must [illegible] to the [illegible] brought [illegible] and carry
the letter to the office [illegible]
[illegible]

Hillsdale, Mich.

June 3. 1891.

Dear Aunts Mary and Anna.

We had
last week by J. Eddie's telegram of
dear Aunt Jennie's death and Nettie
also sent us Eddie's letter to her.
We were prepared to hear the [illegible]
by Nettie's letter and I suppose
should be glad that she is at rest.
Still we feel that in her death we
have lost one of our best friends and
you especially must feel her loss
as you were so much together.
Within a few years I have lost many
friends among them those very highly
[illegible] Aunt Miriam, [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] Jennie. [illegible]
[illegible] Eddie's letter that [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

My Dear Cousin Annie

[illegible] [illegible]

Your good letter is received, and was glad to hear of your safe [illegible]

[illegible] pleasant [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

been a great [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] es-

pecially to [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible]

[illegible] heard Mr. Cooke of Detroit at our

church, He is a Baptist and has been

very successful in the plan of [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]

baptist. [illegible] [illegible]

thinking, and a good speaker, [illegible]

Sunday [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] and the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible], The little [illegible]

[illegible] Lake [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] there was [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible], Almost Perry [illegible]
most beautiful [illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible],
you know that is the Knights [illegible], [illegible]
There has promised [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
to [illegible] at the Beethoven concert. [illegible]
evening the graduating class [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] give a Bee Recital [illegible]
We want to go as it is expected to
be very good some [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the
Beethoven concert. [illegible] [illegible] the
chapel is very pretty [illegible]. The
chairs have not come yet. They are
to be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
church [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible]
my [illegible] remember [illegible]

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] to the Fair once [illegible]

another nice letter from Johnson [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] place at [illegible] Colonna. [illegible]
[illegible] what [illegible] can [illegible]
[illegible] take advantage
[illegible] room [illegible]
[illegible] will [illegible]
[illegible] When we go to [illegible]
[illegible] call on [illegible].
[illegible] and [illegible] the way to
their grounds also we [illegible] glad to
. We shall find that [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] have [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] better and better [illegible]
[illegible] very gentle [illegible]
[illegible] the garden and all the [illegible]
[illegible] shall [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] will [illegible]. I planted
[illegible]
[illegible] coming [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

that were choking them and Claire picked a hundred and twenty six blossoms this morning. There are some new kinds that I had not noticed before. We received the paper containing the notice of Frank Rogers death and his portrait. We read it and sent it to Johnny with the [illegible]. We will send you a bundle of your paper today. We shall be very glad of the paper understants and [illegible]. I took [illegible] the other day after hoeing in the garden in the hot sun till my face [illegible]

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No. East St. N. Hillsdale, Mich.
June 28, 1893.

My dear Auntie,

The trunk started today and I hope will reach you tomorrow or Friday, I enclose the key in this. Aunt Mary's card came Saturday. I ~~meant~~ went down to the Express Office yesterday but they did not send for the trunk till today, I would have gone Monday but got so tired with the washing. We are glad Aunt Emma could go to the Fair, and that you both had so good a visit in Chicago. Some more Hillsdale boys have gone to wheel the rolling chairs among them Oliver Washburn and Stanley Whitney. Every body sings such glowing accounts of the Fair, Elsie

was invited to tea at Stella Washburn's today. She enjoyed it very much as you may suppose. Hattie and I called on Mrs. Winsor, Mrs. Dunn and Mrs. Henry Ford Saturday. Mrs Winsor is expecting Carl and Addie Stick, her grandchildren with their Father and Mother and half sister to make her a visit this summer you remember Claire thinks a great deal of Addie. Nettie Dunn is expecting to be married to Mr. Clark, the young man we have seen her with, in about two weeks. Then she is going to Chicago to visit the Fair etc and in October they expect to sail for northern India where they will be missionaries under the Presbyterian board. Mrs. Dunn does not feel at all satisfied about it to have her go so ~~far away~~ away. Mrs. [illegible] fill with tears every time the subject is mentioned. Nellie Dunn

Gates and her husband and three children are visiting at Prof. [illegible] now. Mrs and Mrs Gates and their dear boy about ten years old have been spending a week at the Fair. Mrs Gates thinks, Ransom the little boy will remember a good deal about it as he was much interested. They are having a ten cent album social at Mrs. Martindale's this evening with ice-cream and cake served on the lawn. We got a big piece of ice today from the cart for five cents and I have made a thin custard and expect to freeze it tomorrow for ice cream for dinner. Will you please come and have a dish? Mrs. Stewart made us a nice call Monday evening. You remember Eld. Manning who so often goes down South to work among the colored people. He went about a

[illegible] good at [illegible] Mamie. Give our love to Estelle and Ella and the children and keep a large share for yourselves. I hope Aunt Anna is quite well now, and enjoying this beautiful weather as we all do. They rest will write soon. Claire has begun a letter to Lizzie.

month ago to help them start a school and was taken sick while there and died before Mrs. Manning could reach him. He was brought home and the funeral held at our church this afternoon. Hattie is thinking now of staying here a little longer, a week or more. You know she did plan to start next Monday, she needs a little longer rest. We have been having a real heat with strawberries, our vines have borne about a quart a day but are nearly gone now. I picked about a peck of peas in the garden Monday. The sweet brier rose is in blossom. Mrs. Stewart calls it Eglantine, Isn't that a pretty name? I never knew what Eglantine was before. We shall want to hear

268 West St. N. Hillsdale, Mich.
July [illegible] 1893

My Dear Aunties,

The children were so pleased to get their own letter last Saturday. They are having such a nice time today, with fire-crackers and torpedoes at intervals, though they did not begin quite so early as Claire supposed as it was long after six before Eva came down. This afternoon they are attending a party at the Bailey's. I presume they will write you about it. Cora Bailey's school closed last Friday. She and Stella Washburn would both like to go to Chicago with us if we can arrange it. Would n't that be pleasant I have not decided yet about going. I rather want to wait for a five dollar round

[illegible]. Thank you so much for the bundle from Chicago. I filled my [illegible] wine race with the pills and am very glad to have them. I must thank Aunt Mary also for her present of Mrs. Davis' fifty cents. I enclose Dr. Crane's receipt for the ten dollars. Mrs. Gurney said she was ashamed to have delayed so long about paying it. Her children are all well now. I went over to Mrs. Kingston's last night and she enquired after you. Old Mrs. Sherman was sitting out on the piazza but said she was not feeling very well. Prof. Dunn preached at our church last Sunday. Hattie and Clara [illegible] to hear the Presbyterian minister. Hattie went to Adrian this morning to see Dr. Andrews and came back on the noon train. She has been feeling better for a week or two past and hopes her visit will do her good. She thinks now she will stay here

until the commencement of this month
Eva has been real well too for some
time. I wish you could see our garden
it is so green. The raspberries are begin-
ning to ripen and it looks as though
there would be a good many. Strawberries
are nearly gone though I got some
nice ones in the market yesterday.
I hope you got your trunk all right and
in good season. We were glad to hear
that you were safely at Merrill and
enjoying a visit with all there.
Hillsdale does not seem so lonely as usual
in the long vacations. A good many are
spending the summer here "except when
they go to Chicago" Mrs. Batchelder is
here and Miss DeMerritt of Dover N. H.
is with her. Miss DeMerritt gives a
lecture next Sunday evening on the
Chinese Mission, you know that is the
place where Ed. Manning has been
working among the colored people.

dullness to my being pretty tired. I got a letter from Lizzie Appleton yesterday. Her sister Julie is quite sick so they will not come here at present. Thank you for the stamps. I sent you a bundle of papers yesterday. Much love to each from Lizzie.

Elon Reynolds the college treasures and his wife and Miss Parker and some others started for Chicago yesterday. Mr. Johnson's flowering maple is in blossom again and all the plants are so thrifty, on the piazza, and the geraniums I set out in the bed. The currants are very nice now. I picked some for supper white and red both. The campus looks very smooth and pretty since it was mowed. Do you know we have discovered how to drive off mosquitoes or at least to greatly lessen their numbers. You remember that air slacked lime in the wood shed Anna scatters that around in the grass once in a while and soon the mosquitoes take a vacation much to our joy. I fear this letter is a poor return for your good ones but please charge its

Some papers and circulars have come which I meant to have sent on with your good but will send them by mail.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

the money. There are four boxes [illegible]

[illegible] a large sugar [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

of canned fruit and a box of jars. The

dishes and lamps are in the large barrel

they are [illegible] to [illegible]. [illegible]

[illegible] offered to pay [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] you left I would call it square.

[illegible] tried to put in every thing except some

corn starch and salt that Holden thought

might sift out over the other things, [illegible]

there will be just two dollars to send.

Mr. Montgomery said they never sent house-

hold goods without the freight being pre-

paid. We expect to have the coal stove

set up in our room soon and [illegible]

this winter. I got the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Johny was here too one day and night last week and Azia and Clarence talk of making us a visit. I have just made a dress for Eva in exchange for the St. Nicholas as I did last year. It is of blue flannel trimmed with light brown. I will put in some pieces so you can see. The dress looked very cunning when I got it done. I have got Claire a new cloak a navy blue beaver trimmed with black braid. It is warm and pretty & got it here at Kline's. I will put in a little bit of sweet Alyssum [illegible]

your plan [illegible] in the garden. It has
bloomed so long. I was sorry I could
not send your plants. I went over to
Mrs. Kingston's yesterday to engage some
butter. [illegible] for you. I cannot [illegible]
[illegible] all who wish to be remembered [illegible]
you can know it is all your friends that
I see, Mr. Johnson sends his regards [illegible]
[illegible] for yours. He is good as [illegible]
[illegible] all our [illegible] are. You would
like them all. Little Mrs. Ward is a very
sweet little lady. I enclose two letters of
[illegible] which have had to wait some
time. Please write us often. It will
be the next thing to seeing you. [illegible]
[illegible] to you both and a share for [illegible]
[illegible] cousins Hastily, Lizzie.
This is written in the morning before the
[illegible] [illegible]

Office of

J. J. Jones, M. D.,

Frostburg, Md. May 26 188[illegible]

Dear Aunties and Grandpa[illegible]

Your letter of the 12 inst was rec. and I have started to write to you two or three times but some how these letters never got finished. When Uncle Eddie was there did he speak of having rec. a letter from me. I wrote to him in N. Y. about a month ago and have not rec. a letter. We were going to try and write regular.

We have very rainy lately. We had an awful hail and thunder storm last [illegible] The rain came down

in torrents, the hail
broke many windows but
none in our house
I was in Sunday School
and saw the storm coming
and before the revenue I
told one of the girls that
I was going home and
so about 15 of us girls
came home & got in
just as the ~~train~~ rain
commenced. Uncle Tim
and Dr Jones were talking
about the train then so
I went and put it down
It will be 11 mo. on
the 10th June since I came
here almost a year. The
time has passed quite
quickly to me. I don't
know anything about
when I will go home.
I was wishing that I had
been home and could

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Frostburg, Md. _____ 188

have gone to Kall. with Uncle Eddie.

I owe Cousin [illegible] Hughes and Aunt Anna letters and don't [illegible] I will [illegible] them I have started so many letters to them.

I hope you will excuse poor writing, as I am in a hurry and my pen is very poor. hoping to hear from you soonee than I have written I remain,

Your Sincere niece and grandchild

Frankie [illegible] Everett.

P. S. I had rather a mishap in cutting this [illegible]

Trostburg, Md.
July, 18, 1891.

Dear Aunt Anna;-

I do not believe that I could count the number of times that I have started to write to you.

One letter that I wrote was all ready, stamped etc. and I gave it to

Write down & your loving Frances.

our office boy to
mail and he for-
got it and carried
it about in his
pocket for over
a week and then
came and told
me. I was so
shocked to hear
about poor Aunt
Jennie's death. I
wrote to Kansas
as soon as I heard
but did not

receive any answer. I am afraid they never got it & addressed it to Aunt Mary. Was Aunt Jennie sick very long?

I have the dearest little baby cousin now. His name is Laurence Jesse Jones. He will be four

months old the
last of this month
He has red hair
and light blue
eyes and is very
pretty and cute.
I do not know
where to send this
letter so will
address it to
Cousin Mary.
Give my love to
Uncles, Aunts &
Cousins and some
for yourself.

At Home
Aug. 10, 1875

My dear Aunt Anna:-
I was delighted to receive your letter. We are having very warm weather here now, almost a 100 in the shade.
I received a note from Aunt Mary the first part of the week. She was not feeling as well as usual. Clara and Lenie's family drove down last Sat. and we had a very pleasant after-noon. I am sitting on the floor in my own room up

stairs and have on my bathing suit as it seems to be the coolest thing that I can find and still I am far from being cool. Mamma is sewing and the looks rather warm also. Stanley told me to-day if it did not get cooler soon that he was going to live in the cellar. Poor little fellow, he suffers a great deal from the heat. You asked how Mamma was. She is looking better now than she has for a long time. Has gained nearly 5 lbs. since I came home. I am the thin one now. I have not gained on bit since I came. I am not usually as thin. I weigh 110 lbs. now. My usual weight

is about 120 or more. I was baptized at the house last Sat. afternoon. Clara and the rest just arrived in time for the ceremony. I also united with the church Sunday morning. It was rather odd that Cousin May and Higgie Everett united the same Sunday. Did you enjoy your trip to Chicago? Sometimes I am wild to go and then again I think

Do not care about it. Dr. Jim and Louise talk about going in the fall. They would come here and bare Edith and Laurence here with us while they are gone. I reckon we would have a perfect picnic with those children and Nancy. Edith is one of the most children I ever saw but the pay

is real good. I will not be able to
go back to College this coming year
and I feel very badly about it, as
it will put me back a good deal.
Remember me "Uncle Eddie" and
his family and lots of love for
yourself.

Sincerely,

Frankie

525 N. Calvert St.
Baltimore - Md.

My Dear Aunt Amadi-
I have written
almost everything
I know to Aunt
Mary but I will
try and write you
a few lines - Did
you have a pleasant
Xmas? I enjoyed

mine very much -
I wish you could
see Aunt Louise's
little girl and boy
they are very cute
Edith will be four
years old this month
and she is a lovely
child - Baby Lawrence
will be a year
old in March and
he is very cute and

sweet. He is different from
Edith as she has black eyes
and golden hair and he has
light blue eyes and next
thing to red hair. I suppose
you have heard that
Dr. Griffith was married
last June to a Miss Bloom

from New York City.
It is nearly three
years now since I
have seen mamma
and I have been
nearly wild to see
her. I expect to go
north next summer
and then come
back here next
year. I suppose
that Claire and

are my cousins are
they not and I
am certain that
I would like them
and I wish very
that we shall meet
some time in the
near future - Please
give them my
best love - I N Uncle
Edward still in
Kansas - I certainly

would like to see
him and Aunt
Mate and some of
their numerous boys
I can remember
Carol, Charley, Bobbie
and Eddie when
they were at your
house real well-
Has Uncle Eddie
changed much
I would love to see

him- I have not had my
pictures taken for quite a
while or I would send you
one- Do you ever hear
from Cousin Robert and
Jennie Hughes and from
Ada Thomas Are they
well- I would like to write

To Mary and Lizzie
Everett - Can you
tell me where I to
write to them? I
must close with
much love,

Sincerely Yours,
Frankie Everett.

February 10, 1859.

Dear Anna.

You will forgive me I am sure, for not answering your kind letter before, when I tell you I have been sick. I could not write. I am under a thousand obligations to you for remembering me so kindly. I know you would write very often if you knew what pleasure it gave me to receive that. I thought I was not entirely forgotten.

Is Sarah getting any better? I am in hopes she will write and tell me just how she is, when she feels strong enough. I wish she could be here with me.

When Sarah C. wrote me she said that Sissie & Eddy were attending school, but she did say what school they went to, whether they went to your School or to Remson when you write please tell me will you?

We have about thirty five patients at the Glen, now, three of them are confined to their bed all the time, one of is not expected to live the week out, poor fellow; it is so hard for him to give up, life seems so dear, he says he can not die, the Dr told him four months ago, if he wanted to die among his friends he had better go home as soon as he could for he could not do him any good, but, he would not go, he thought perhaps there might be some possibility of being helped if he stayed & he was sure he would not live if he went away. How does

the last letter I heard from sister Mary was dated Jan. 9th

Henry like teaching? does he come home every week? it must be very pleasant to be amongst friends. When have did you see Jane last? when you see her again tell her I wrote her about two weeks ago, and would like to have her answer it as soon as possible.

How is Aunt now? I do want to see her so badly. & Uncle too. I have not written to Mary yet, I should have wrote if I knew exactly how to direct the letter. I must close now as it is getting dark. Remember me affectionately to Uncle. Aunt Edward. & all the cousins. Kiss Sarah for me if you please.

With much love I assign myself your affectionate cousin.

Lizzie.

I have not had a single letter in over three weeks dont you think they use me really to bad

Cousin Anna.

Ask Jeannie if she doesn't want to go to Little Falls.

Utica Sept. 23d/56

Dear Cousin.

I hardly know who to direct this to, but I guess it will have to be directed to Ann, as I have not written to her, since I left. I have given up, ever hearing from Sarah or Cynthia again. I shall hear from you, I know, for you are always so good about answering your letters. I am more anxious to hear about Jane then any of the rest, "because why" you know but when you do write, I hope you will not

forget to let me know how you all are; how Mary is; what Jennie is up to; how often Sarah goes to the village and Peny——— I will call it; "the top of the hill and let it go at that; whether Sissie ever lectures now a day, and if you are as wild and noisy as ever, now be sure and let me know it all.

How I would like to see you all, for a little while, if no longer, I believe my tongue would go off, pretty good speed; I have been just as lonesome "as a dog" all day; Mary has been at the dentist; all day, so I have been alone. Alexander was up, yesterday, he looks much better than did the last time I saw him, it is all owing to a beautiful

moustache he is wearing, though his health is better than it was in the spring.

Wednesday morn. I did not finish my letter last night, so I will set myself about it this morning. Well in the first place, it is a very cold, rainy, unpleasant morning, just such an one, as I do not like, I always have the blues such weather; here I am seated by the window, near the bookcase, all curled up in a lump. I am so cold, for we have not got the stove up yet; but I hope we shall before I am many days older.

By the way, while I think of it I want to ask you about that plank walk; have they done any thing to it, and if not when are they a going to? Now d.

write just as soon as you receive this, or get some of the others to write if you are too busy, to let know how you all are, and how Jane is getting along.

I will venture to send Mary's love, for I know she would if she was up. Please remember me to all my friends, if I have any, in the place, and give a great deal of love to Uncle Aunt and cousins and accept a slice yourself, from

your cousin

L. Iggie

Racine July 31st 1858

Dear Friend Anna,

I suppose that you are saying by this time, that I am about as naughty as yourself. Not quite I thought of writing immediately so as to scold you for your delay, but now I have delayed some myself, so I will not say much, only that I forgive you in condition that this is answered soon. I was sorry to hear that your very naughty teeth had troubled you while at your uncles, especially as they had stopped you from finishing

that letter to me. I have an recollection of that Miss Ki. that was traveling with you I think, some young lady by that name came to singing school with Miss Kester once or twice a great while ago. I can imagine easily how happy you must be, now that you are realy at home, after having been thrown about so much. It gave me pleasure to hear that your sister may it some better, give my love to her, I am only ~~only~~ acquainted with her and Cynthia. I suppose that it must make a great difference to have her from home please send my love to her when you write to her, and tell her to write to me then I will surely answer it.

Dear Anna you asked me how I had enjoyed myself since you have been gone, Well it is rather hard to tell you, in the first place I had strange feelings (akin to hatred) towards those

old cars, when they were running away so fast with you, I believe they were going faster on purpose so as to take you out of my sight, then after straining my poor eyes looking after the old creature I turned away from the old Depot, and cried all the way home. I did not stay there more than two minutes for it was too lonesome for me just then. I went to my aunt Laura's, sometime in the afternoon the Dr. brought Joe there with his arm all bound up as if it was broken, but it was only some ligaments in the wrist that he had broken it got well in a week or two.

John James and that other girl did call here Sat. eve week ago tonight and I was cleaning gooseberries, but I did not have many to clean by the time they were going. Ugan could not prep my long at either of the front windows before I would catch a glimpse at you

dear old face, and then you would not have time to get to the door before this little chick would be clinging to your neck and smoothering you kisses. So you better not peep, though I wish you would. I have had a great deal of company for two or three weeks, now there is minister staying here and is going to preach tomorrow he is from Ethiopia and is on his way there now, his name is Clemens.

I dont go down town quite as often now, as I dont like to go alone as well. Aunt Ellen is quite sick now has to keep her bed, but we think that the Dr. she has now understands her case so we have better hopes of her. both he and Aunt Laura send their love to you my little Sam Mrs. Williams the store has a very fine baby almost two week old, she is getting on nicely and wishes to be remembered by you as an old friend. I am sorry that your father health is not any good, I think that coming out this way would do her a great deal of good. Give my love to her and Sarah, and tell her, that there is a house a little above us for sal. remember me also to your father and Mrs. and all. I have not heard from Concord nor I dont expect to very soon. I am sorry to tell you that I have not given your love

Battle Creek Sanitarium
Battle Creek.
Mich
Dec. 1882

My dear Anna

In a letter received a few days ago from Jennie she told me you had been quite sick, but were now better. I was very sorry to hear you were ill, and to find you have now quite recovered. She told me you and Jennie were still at Reuben. I think of you a good deal lately that the snow has come & covered the country. I shall never forget the appearance of the country that week I spent with you in mid winter, it was grand. There has been sleighing here the last few days, but today it is over than has commenced. I like the cold weather and enjoy the country as this is essentially comfortable. There are a good many houses all round

but Battle Creek proper is a mile from here, it has stated or four thousand inhabitants, & is quite a pretty little place, this Institution stands on an elevation and commands a lovely view of all the country round. I was here during the Fall & had the benefit of the Autumn foliage. I have been here since the 21st Sept. and have been very ill, for some time. I scarcely expected I would live to leave here, but I am some better now, but the improvement is very slow. Of course I do not enjoy being here away from all friends, but I thought it was better to for a time till I was a little stronger, as I dislike giving trouble to my kind friends — My Chicago friends were very much against my leaving them, & cheer my solitude by frequent letters. I intended going to England in the Summer & afterwards in the Fall, but my ill health prevented my doing so.

I hope to go as soon as spring comes. I expect I will be well enough by that time. When I thought of going in the Fall I wrote to cousin Mary Everett asking her if she could help me to get a Boarding House, where I could remain a few weeks before sailing, so as to see a little of New York City, but I received no reply whether the letter was lost, or whether she cannot help me, of course I cannot tell. I have a mind to try her again, as she is the only relative or friend I have in New York City. I have lost her address and would feel greatly obliged if you would send it me — I have also been surprised not to have received any letter from you or Janie for so long. I wrote in April or May last, & gave my address at 411 West Monroe St., but even if I had not done so, I know Janie has been to Utica, & if she wished to write to me could have got my address from Fannie

so I cannot account for your silence in any way except that I have offended you in some way. I am very sorry if that is the case, and assure you it has been done unwittingly.
There are about 150 patients here I need not have felt lonesome had I been pretty well and able to enjoy society, for there are many very agreeable people here and as it is I have made several pleasant friends, while I was very ill nothing could exceed the kindness and solicitude of some of the lady patients. I had only been here two or three weeks then I was an entire stranger, now I am not confined to my room, but am able to go about. The treatment here is very thorough & excellent, but it was too severe for me, now I take very much lighter treatment & fare better, I think the massages & the electricity are what helps me mostly. I have had a good many letters from my Welsh & English friends lately

they are greatly troubled about me, for they expected me home in the Fall. How glad I will be to see their dear faces again.

Shear from Cousin Mary Ann, very frequently, she is now renting room as she has her niece Ella Roberts with her, Ella goes to school at Chicago. M. A. is very anxious to get me back to Chicago, as she does not think I am improving sufficiently here, but I am desirous to give this treatment a little longer chance to work an improvement. Dr. Kellogg says I will get well.

These people are Seventh Day Baptists so we have no real dear old Sunday. Saturday they keep very strictly everything is very very quiet. there is no treatment to do — then on our Sunday everything goes on as usual. and as we cannot afford to lose two days treatment we have to go in with the stream

and it is only by fits & starts through the day we can remember it is Sunday. It is a great cause of discontent & unpleasantness. So people do not stay longer here than they are absolutely obliged to. — Did you receive the circular of this place that I sent you? Good night I must close. We are expected to go to bed at eight and I am always ready now. I have benefited much by the quiet & rest here. I do hope you are both well now. My love to you both & to all the other friends.

Sincerely your Cousin
Lizzie Williams

Mr Ci wrote me that Cousin Edward was in Chicago. I felt so sorry to miss him. Please give him my love & tell him excuse a badly written & badly composed letter. I wrote it last night & was a good deal tired. They want me to go

Dear Cousin Lizzie an a visit to Chicago & Niagara Falls depend how I am. Would that I could go to Niagara & Chicago place had their institution [illegible]

Mr Robinson
& Charles went
away last = fall
he engaged to
work for the same
Con. as he worked
for before coming
here & they are
not coming back
this summer
some think they
will never come
back they were
quite discouraged
last summer the
money came
so slow
gardening
much lost
from all to
all Tibbie

Oswatomie Apr 10th 1892

Dear Aunts,

Your letter was recieved last night and hasten to reply lest I should neglect it as I have been doing for so long. We had a severe wind storm here on the date you mentioned and from your discription I think that it was about as hard in Mich. as here.

We did not hear of any serious damage in the Country about here. The wind did some havoc in Oswatomie. It tipped the sidewalk from Mr Dryden's Corner to Lenhard's Corner over Entire without breaking it

We hear from Eddie quite often thanks
his father I suppose you are anxious
on being your turn for a visit
he was taken by prose when he told
us of his plans he dident tell us untill
sunday evening and he started Monday
he thought his father had spoken of it
while he was at Anthony we were sorry
to have him go so far away but
hope he can be near you hope he
will have good success and be able
to come and see us before long &
bring his amelia with him
Our school opened Monday with the
same teacher as last term a Miss
Kimball of Paola. Our neighbours are
all well I think. Mrs Lesender has
just returned from a trip east
to Elgin to see a sick sister
[illegible] - seen her [illegible] she [illegible]
home. Mrs Snyder came to see us
one day last week had a very nice
visit - she is a great talker. Mrs
Walthal & Pumley have moved to
town & rented the farm to a
man from Mo Olive has picked a

Dear Aunties Robert has to answer
chores to do to day to be able
to write a very long letter so
I will gladly finish his sheet.
We have a mullatto boy working
for us this summer "he is a boy of
that Sydney Duncan brought up"
he was not feeling well [illegible] day
so didnt help it any. We are mill
ing [illegible] 21 or 22 cows now Betty had
a nice heifer calf to day [illegible] Mary
Ann cow had twins this spring
we didnt raise either as they were
small and come very early. Do
you remember Aunt M how wild
Lofty used to be when we went
to the cow she is as gentle as
any of the cows now & that is
saying a gooddeal as they are all very
quiet after geting aquainted with
us. We did not go to church to day
it is windy & cold & rained alittle
this morning

The wind also did about $100 damage to the Osage valley block or (new bank) The building is built of brick with a square roof. Around the roof there was built a cornice about 4 ft. high to protect the building against fire. On the South side the cornice was blown in on the roof. There were several small buildings blown down but no serious damage done. It was a strong wind ~~[illegible]~~ but nothing frightful about it here. We have planted potatoes. We have also planted onions, radish, beets and some other early vegetables. Grass is beginning to start and some of the trees are looking green. Our pie plant are nearly large enough to use.

Libbie has finished my letter

So I will [illegible] as happy as need be. We are having [illegible] our [illegible] weather [illegible]

Osawatomie Dec 1

Dear Hunter:

We think it about time to hear from you. & I think in order to get a letter I will have to write one. We are all real well. & hope you are the same. Are you having very cold weather We think we have had some pretty cold weather for this time of the year in Kansas. At least we felt it very much the home is pretty cold a good deal of cold coming through the the floor although we had it banked and have you heard of the new bed rooms we have it took a little extra fire to wa

them or rather it as it is in
one room yet down stairs I
will have a room up stairs
when it is finished we find
it very convenient as it is.
We are making about 9 lbs of
butter a day, churn every day
but sunday. We haven't any
fresh cows yet.
We expect to enjoy a good
visit from Jl. Bown we
hope to hear from him to
day.
We have two men here now
shucking corn getting up wood
Pl. I think they are both sorry
again to give Aunt Amy their
names are Jed Cogswell & Lewis Clark
Robert has fixed up the frame
horse barn for all the horses taking
the partition out where Harry's cat
was making more room and he

also made stalls for them.
Yesterday we fixed up the
old log stable for the hens
& got them all in but &
we will keep them shut up
for a few days I am afraid it
will be hard to break them
of going in the shed to
roost - we lost a great many
of their eggs this summer
they like to lay out in the grass
we only get 2 or 3 eggs a day
now. We are getting 80 cts for the
butter yet -
There was a spelling school at this
school house last night we all
went except Uncle F. we thought
he would go until we were
ready to start when he backed
out - It was rather cloudy for him
he said we enjoyed it very much
Libbie Snyder's husband is very

[illegible]

mouth he has been unable to
work mostly all summer they
say it is heart trouble
[illegible] has been sick
but now is the [illegible]
[illegible] might.
One of [illegible] have had their
[illegible] taken, when we get
them we will send you one.
[illegible] has had a [illegible]
with an ulcerated tooth it
[illegible]
has left quite a sore [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] taken out
Uncle John is able to get
around much better now
than before. The apples are quite
good [illegible] the hope that is
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Gum Valley Oct 20 1890

Dear Aunt Anna

[illegible]

of you [illegible]

[illegible]

your [illegible]

[illegible]

telling of Mrs Huddlesons [illegible]

illness we hope that [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

to-morrow [illegible]

[illegible] we [illegible]

made [illegible] for [illegible]

meeting I would [illegible]

there [illegible]

You wanted to know where Robert was the day the children and I ate our dinner on the same board it was away [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] but it was not so bad as it might have been [illegible] [illegible] was so near my [illegible] The children [illegible] [illegible] company Lewis would talk me to sleep allmost every night. He talks of Aunt Anna very often [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Kansas [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ll come out there. He thinks Grandma [illegible] [illegible] will come there [illegible] but Grandma [illegible] is to comfortable [illegible] she [illegible] ever come west you see he has got it all

pleasant [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Walter

[illegible]

[illegible]

perhaps [illegible]

when she [illegible]

Lord Jennings" Robert [illegible]

good [illegible]

[illegible]

be [illegible] at the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

any [illegible]

[illegible]

Do you [illegible]

[illegible]

in plenty [illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] enough [illegible]

[illegible] from our two [illegible]" you [illegible]

[illegible] they are [illegible] we could [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] for our [illegible] if
we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] them we
would have to take them [illegible] [illegible]
which is [illegible] miles away
Do your hens lay. there are [illegible]
two of ours laying.
Is Mary Everett there with you
now if remember us to her [illegible]
also to Mr Jones
I must close as it is old time.
with much love from all to you

[illegible]

Galesburg Decr 18 8.

Dearest Annie

Do forgive my long silence. It is not dear Annie because I have forgotten you but I have been very busy studying striving to improve my mind. You know my dislike to letter writing and if it were not for my great desire to hear from you I fear I should not now write.

You wished to know about the Seminary Miss Wilcox is the Preceptress and has about

so young ladies under her charge.
I believe they are quite well pleased
with her. She has a monthly Reception
and the young ladies are permitted to
invite all of their friends and are very
pleasant affairs. Their rules are very strict
for the young ladies are not allowed
to go out or receive company any eve-
-ning except Friday. I do not call
at the Seminary quite as often as I did
last winter for I have not as many
friends there now. Mrs Shepherd is
the music teacher in the Seminary.
The College is any thing but prosperous
as the number of students daily
diminishes. I do not know whether
I can tell you any news or not -
the streets are just as muddy as when

you were here. We have had a little
snow which I enjoyed very much
in having a delightful ride with
a company of ten. How is seeing
in New York? Mother is not at all
well she will work though she would
love to see you as well as myself. Grandma
is at Know-Corners we do miss her
very much. Mr Farnham's family are
all quite well they are in their
new house. Mary was writing me not long
ago and asked about you and sent much
love. As for myself I am at home and quite
well staying with my friend Katie
Blanchard we recite to Lister Mary who has
returned from Chicago. We study Arith-
-mec Grammer Spelling and the history
which your Lister Jennie gave me.

I have nearly finished it the
Second time we also read Rollins
Ancient History and study Music
Dont you think I have my hands full?
I ~~have~~ had a present of a pair of
canary birds, one of them is a beautiful
singer he is charming or rather distrac-
ing me with his music. I we much love
to Jennie for me and indeed you may
to all the family for I almost feel
acquainted with them because of my
great friendship for you. After reading
your letter ~~after~~ over I find I have not
answerd all your questions Mrs Prentice
keeps the boarding house. Mr Hic has not
returned but [illegible] all the rest of the
Girls are here. but as it is nearly three
which is our dinner hour I must

TURIN
AUG
9
N.Y.

Miss A. L. Everett
Remsen
N. Y.

Dear Anna

We received your letter Saturday night, and are very sorry for your perplexity in regard to the piano. Your first letter was received when we were most hurried with Cenhador, and as it was several days before our hurry was over, it was some time before we could ascertain anything about the probability of our success in obtaining scholars for you. We were very sorry on your account but this is our explanation. Saturday P. M. Sarah and I went to the village and called on Lina's mother, also at the two Mrs. Pughs, at Douglass's and Montagues. Maria's mother said she wouldn't like to have her take lessons, but did

not speak very decidedly about it. Mrs. McC. Pugh says they are somewhat bothered in money affairs now. Mr Pugh, you know is just starting in business on his own account and many of his customers are slow to pay. If it were not for that she thought she would like to have her daughter learn. She thought B. Morgan's little boy would take lessons. His parents are very anxious for him to take lessons on the melodian. He now plays well on the violin, and has musical talent. Neither Mr. Douglas or Mr. Montague's people appeared to think that their girls would take lessons. Isabel says their teacher Mr. Jenkyn, intends to have a piano in his school next term, which opens next Monday. A lady from Bonnville, I believe is to give lessons on it. She has been trying some time to get a class. Lena's

mother says. They feel the pressure of
the times very much. Their property is
City property. Lina is quite occupied,
attending school, knitting for soldiers,
&c. If it were otherwise she would
like much to have Lina take lessons.
We think Ruth would certainly
take lessons, but have not ~~seen~~
her since Mother wrote. We think
she and Maria (if she takes lessons)
would like quite as well, and per-
haps prefer to take lessons on the
Melodian. Mrs. Pugh promised
to speak to Mrs. Morgan and also
to R. Roberts people about Mary.
The district school is very flour-
ishing now, and takes the children's
time, still we think if you once
got started with a few, you might
soon have more. We spoke to
Ellen Owen. She did not know
but thought you might succeed
Maria Edward is not at home

Feb. 8 1878.

Dear cousin.

What has become of Uncle Eddie & Aunt Mate have they got & moved in? Are you all well? Have Uncle & Aunt M. been at your house yet. We expected them last week and are and shall expect them until they come. Tonight

F. E. L.

POSTAL CARD.

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER.

UTICA FEB 14 N.Y.

U.S. POSTAGE ONE CENT

William Grant
Canaan
N.Y.

From Jane Esther Emmett

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Eddie [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] that a Stranger would almost

[illegible] Frank says she wants

[illegible] New York [illegible] a [illegible]. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] would make a [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible]. She went to Prospect to-day

[illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] she

[illegible] to [illegible]

[illegible] Monday. [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
As soon as [illegible]
[illegible]. it is quite cold [illegible]
the roads are [illegible]
the new minister [illegible]
[illegible] the first time [illegible]
to morrow [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] years. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Oliver [illegible] she

will [illegible] to him very soon

[illegible] write soon again and

[illegible] to write [illegible]

Oh [illegible] anything

[illegible] to you etc.

as ever your friend

J. C. Oswald

[illegible] Francis does as much as [illegible]

[illegible] as [illegible] little [illegible]

[illegible] Sept [illegible]

Dear Sisters

It is now after [illegible]

Edward has not come home [illegible]
the [illegible] yet, he [illegible]
the [illegible] to day as [illegible]
We would up to see about
his [illegible] last [illegible]; they
say they can't [illegible]
it [illegible] I was glad to see
the [illegible] come [illegible]
has come up and if he
could get [illegible] two
or three weeks he could

[illegible]

another [illegible] I did [illegible]
would make me forbidden
[illegible] Charles [illegible] was here yesterday
washed & partly wound &
done some sweeping. [illegible]
just come & brought [illegible]
Grapes you [illegible]
[illegible] by not [illegible]
Mon, morn. I did not finish
this as I am not very [illegible]
Carroll or Charlie will stay
home with me to day.
Aren't you not coming up
here before long I do wish
you would come & stay
till you go to New York
write us when you will be

I have not seen Aunt Kate to speak to her yet I don't think she has been out much of late several have said that when you come back they are going to call on you, I was down to [illegible] last week she was well Mrs. W- is getting along nicely. Hope to hear from you soon come if you can wish much love from each of us to you all how is the baby! Do [illegible] better! [illegible]

[illegible] left her silver paper shall I send it?

Terrein Oct. 24th 1880

Dear Sisters

It is Sat. mover, & I thought I would drop you a few lines, I thought E. had written before now he has been very busy, packing up T. J. old goods Charlie has rented the store for 5 years taking possession yesterday. T. J. has gone to Albany yes — I went with E. down to Cousin Emma Johnson stayed all day I have not been very well the lone part of the week ever better now, Conrold is sick found him feverish last night

he has some from this morning
last Sat. I asked Dr. Johnson for his
bill he brought it to me Wednesday
& to my surprise it was only $3 0.50
for about four months treatment
some weeks coming 2 or 3 times
We thought it would be about
$5 0. Edward said about apples
if it would not be to much
trouble & work for you a barrel
of apples would be very acceptable
Edward was over to see about
his lumber. He mean said
if it continued to rain
he would get it out in two
weeks. I was in hopes it
would continue to rain

I hope work after next year
& Anna will be here come
if you can. George Prichard
sleeps here nights in Shay hous
we room over to A. W. for him
Ed. told him he might
come for a week till he
could get another place
it has been a week to day
Mrs. K- comes once ~~[illegible]~~
two weeks & washes & irons
for us we get along
nicely. I only weigh
125 now. E is very well
Charlie is my right
hand man. Do you
hear from John E?

Your slips are doing nicely
Jimmie brought us a bag
of apples last night they
were very acceptable apples
seem to be plenty they are
from 25 & 30 up to 50 cents a
bushel. You see we have not
gone to Kansas I have felt
all of the time that if
it was best for us to go the
Lumber would get ready
to start off. Hope to hear
from you soon we could
tell the difference in writing

New York Dec 3/[illegible]

Dear Home Folkes:

The little reminder was welcome today. I was pleased to hear that [illegible] is improving. I hope she will eat even so much & gain strength next week. We have had a very pleasant day. Shall be anxious to know how the blinds look. Are they to be painted with green or some other. Hope the paint will not be offensive. Met Mrs Thomas 38th St. in the cars yesterday. The [illegible] very kindly [illegible]

I have been rather
lazy today or should
have written earlier
in the day. The dining
room up stairs is even
so much pleasanter than
as we made it before
& I have a very quiet
time all to myself.
Shall make more progress
with my studies, but I feel
lost somewhat. Went
up stairs this afternoon
& lured on Mrs. Van Buren's
bed. It seemed quite
nice & restful. Has
S. sat up any more since
I left. & how much does
she eat. & Anna you may
take this same questioner
to yourself! Much much.
love. Mollie

Bubbalo Center Mar 30 1890

Dear Auntie

I thought I would write you a letter. papa killed a gopher yesterday. I found 23 badger holes and one prairie dog. I went to Church last sunday. one of the Indians came to sell wood. I saw two prairie wolves yesterday I saw a flock of wild geese and prairie chickens. I went with papa to draw hay yesterday. how do you feel. We are living with Uncle Wells bobs now. we got a letter from Aunt Jennie since we came here.

good by.

Lewis.

Buffalo Center Apr. 1st 1890

Dear Aunt Anna.

I have only time to write just a word this time. Will is going to the post Office and I will send just a word to let you know that we are alive and well. We are sowing Wheat and Consequently are quite busy The weather is quite pleasant but it is too Cold for vegetation to Start yet. The Country about here is far from being level and still farther from being like the Country back there look from your house to Capel Achat and imagine not a tree stump or stone and you will have an idea of some of the prairie about here the Claim I have taken is much more level than that. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am your nephew R. H. Everett

Did Hattie receive the letter I wrote her directed to Colorado? We have received an Independent from the N.Y. office as yet.

Sprague, Wash.
Feb. 10, 1890

Dear Aunt Anna:

I suppose you are having a visit just now from Holden, Hattie & Eva. Wish we lived a little nearer, so we could be there too. I often think of the pleasant weeks I spent there last summer. It hardly seems possible that we can be so far away now. I have been meaning to write you ever since we came. Am sorry we could not have had that visit before we left Phoenix. We find things here very different from [illegible]

East, with some things favorable
and others not so pleasant.
We have plenty of fruit out here,
of the best kind, peaches, pears,
plums, apples, grapes, &c, &c.
The prices are about the same
this season as in the East for
fruit, especially peaches, has not
been so abundant as usual. Apples,
however are much higher, being 5
cts. a pound, the same as pears,
peaches being 11 cts. We bought
a splendid large yellow peaches at
$1.00 a box and put up 8 or 11
quarts, about the same of pears,
and today I got a box of prunes.
for canning, at the same price.
These resemble blue plums, but
are larger & sweeter. They are
very nice to eat in the hand.
Most of the fruit comes from
the Snake river, some from Oregon.

We like the climate here as far as left the dust. As our [illegible] and tracing and the night always cool. Think my health has improved somewhat since coming. Alfia was very homesick at first but has got more acquainted and used out to it now. The baby has been cutting his double teeth this summer, and has not been very well. His head seems to trouble him, and we have to be careful of him for fear he will have more fits. This morning he sat for his picture, which we hope will be good. It has not had any taken since the time I was at your house. We are hoping to go to Spokane Falls tomorrow for a week's visit if Clarence is well enough. Last night he [illegible] as [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] so that it was not late
before he got to sleep. We give
him bromide and chloral for his
nervousness. There is no
homeopathic physician here, for
which we are sorry. He does not
walk alone yet, or talk, altho
he is nearly 20 months old.
We have a small parsonage here,
next to the church, supplied with
city water, and the church is
lighted with electricity. We have
a fine choir, and good Sd. school.
There are a good many Welsh
people around here, and some in
the church. Mr. Griffiths, the Baptist
minister of Utica, was here a
short time ago. He is editor of a
Welsh magazine. We hope you are
all well and prospering. Hope you
will write us soon. With love to
[illegible] the visitors. [illegible]

Olpe, Kas. Feb. 19/91.

Dear Aunt Anna,

I am sending you to-day photos of Carroll and Ray. Carroll's picture was taken last June and Ray's the middle of January. It is very quiet in the store to-day, as it has been raining all day. Yesterday was very cold and it snowed all day. More snow than we have had in all winter. I suppose you know that Kansas is subject to most extreme changes, last Monday for instance; early in the morning it was so warm that it was uncomfortable to stay in the house without the windows or doors open, and in the

afternoon it was so cold that it was most impossible to ride facing the wind. Carroll hasn't been home from school since the holidays. To-morrow will be the most exciting and looked forward to with the most interest by all of the college students of Kansas, of all of the college year. It being the Annual Inter-collegiate Oratorical contest of Kansas. This year it will be held in the Whitley Opera house, of Emporia under the management of the State Normal. Five colleges, the State Normal of Emporia and the State University of Lawrence will be represented. The colleges which will be represented are situated at the following places: Emporia (Presbyterian), Topeka

Washburn, a congregational institution), Baldwin City (Methodist) Ottawa and Salina. The Mendelssohn Quartette of the Emporia College in which Carroll sings 2nd Bass, will sing at the recital. The admission is seventy five cents. Odd Fellows was such a demand for tickets that all were sold before Tuesday. I was lucky enough to get one. Carroll sings in the choir of the First Presbyterian Church of Emporia and gets one dollar a Sunday. To-day is Eddie's seventh birthday, he weighs nearly as much as Robbie and learns fast in school. Harry has just got over a siege of pneumonia. I have not been going to school at all this winter, but have been kept pretty busy in the store. Grade no

few much better this winter than last, about fifty percent.

It is not because the so-called Peoples party or farmers alliance party has got in power but if they were not in power in this state business would be a great deal better for the reason that farmers that have mortgages coming due cannot get them renewed, nor can they borrow any money, because money loaners are afraid of what the Alliance legislature will do. Well, as I am nearing the bottom of this page I will have to close With love from all I'll bid adieu.

Your Nephew

Chas. H. Everett

to do. [illegible] I [illegible]
ashamed to think I had
not such a loving sent-
ence, but my excuse was
that I was short of paper
and I wanted to send all
the news I could for the
money, but I will try to
do better this time. I am
commencing a new pad
and if this isn't enough
for me I've another
so I feel quite independent
as far as paper goes.
How have you been, if you [illegible]
along I thought at one time
you would be at [illegible]
[illegible] once more.
We had ice up and
down, about four weeks
ago [illegible] Auntie
had a sick time, Auntie
still [illegible] from it, a kind
like Rheumatism in her
neck and shoulder, and

Miss Anna L. Everett
c/o Mrs Lizzie Sands
West North St
Opposite College
Hillsdale Michigan

HILLSDALE, MICH.
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

I have lost your address so address ~~from~~ by press hope you will get it

Alder Creek
March 27th 19[illegible]

Dear Cousins;-

Your letter of Feb. 2. still unanswered and it is a shame, when I promised to write so often to tell all the news, "but never mind better luck next time". I think when I left off last time I left Aunt Jane sweeping up stairs, well, she hasn't been sweeping all this time for it only took her a few minutes. and I folded and put away some things that had been left, Cousin Marys Ulster I put on the fence and took the carpet beater to it then put it up with tobacco, we found the handle of one of your Fathers and Mothers silver spoons that was broken

by the side of Cousin Anna's bed and we put it in the middle small drawer of the Bureau in the alcove. I think everything was fixed very snug and nice. I hope you are both well, and enjoy of living opposite the College. I am sure it must be very nice to see all the young people going back and forth, I wish I could just drop in to see you, I dont suppose you have any snow there, but we have plenty here for you and us too, we have had very hard stormes this month.

I hope your brother John got over his sickness and was able to return home soon after Cousin M. had to leave him, how are his eyes? Is F.C. in Harper and Anthony now

when he wrote he did not know whether he would be there or not and I did not write, right away so now I dont know where to write to I am ashamed of myself for not thanking him for his photo,

I received a letter from my sister Lizzie in the Winter she had 3 children 2 boys and 1 girl and in Feb she had another boy so that makes 4 children. Uncle John's family were all well, and were doing well they were all in business boys and girls,

Uncle Lewis and Aunt Mary were well, now I have told all the news that will interest you.

Do you think you [illegible] come to [illegible] this spring or stay in the West

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I am going to tell you a big secret. I know you won't tell any one, Maggie Humphreys is going to be married to Dion the next month or the first of May. and she wants me to go with her to Utica to buy her dress and some other things, she wants me to make her dress, but I will not cut and fit it, she must get some one to do that and I will finish it for her I am going to make over 2 dresses, one black and one blue. and make three calico dresses, so I will be busy for a while,

I have been sick quite all Winter but I am better now Auntie has had several sick spells too, but we are all pretty well now. hoping to hear from you soon, love from all to you. oth lovingly [illegible]

send my love to J. C. when you write to him, and please let me know where he is now, write soon and tell us all the news my love to little Anna.

Lizzie and May are playing a duett, and I am trying to do two things at once, write and listen to them, so dont do well at either. Aunt Annie sends love to both of you.

bushels of love from all

M. Everett

Mary C

P.S. J. H. was here the first of last month he is still in Stratford, he was asking for you, how you were? if the climate agreed with you? were you going to stay longer than Spring. that he would never forget his visit at the old home as he calls it.

We have not seen Aunt Jane for some time so do not know how they are. Mr Humphreys moved the first of this month to a farm between Remsen and Prospect owned by John Edwards. (dead) or I should of said owned by J. Edwards widow perhaps you know where it is

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Frankie last Saturday saying that she had received a letter from you that her grampa Cousto was sick but I did not know how sick he was. Frankie had always chinsh the hope that she could see her Grampa Cousto and I hope that she may yet. She always seems to have a great love for him. So much more than anyone would expect a child to have for a person that she had never seen; she has always seems to feel so mornfully and said to think of her father that she had never seen him and how she had missed ~~his~~ a fathers' love, care, and affections. probably that might be the cause of her affections to her grampa, feeling that he is her father's father

I am so happy to think that Frankie is getting along so well. and has been so fortunate as to have such a good Uncle as Dr. [illegible]

is so different to what it would be if she were to live here with us. There was such a change in her that when she came here last Summer I did not know her myself when I went to meet her at the Depot. She has had one misfortune, and that is; to have Timothy get married he use to clothe her and pay for her music (she is a fine Piano Player) and now Timothy's wife will not allow him to give her anything, so I try and clothe her myself the best I can, and she needs to be well dressed well so as not to be different from the rest of the girls, and they are all wealthy people's children, so I hope that if she has her health she will get along all right, My health is improving but [illegible] to do but [illegible]

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both pleurisy & pneumonia, so you
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been also sick too, he has not
been out of the house for over
4 months. But we hope that the
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The rest of us are well and all
wish to be remembered very kindly
to you and Aunt Mary and also
John Addis when you write to tell
him that we all wish to be remembered
to him and bride & wish them
both a long and happy life
Hoping to [illegible] you very soon
I am as ever your affectionate
Niece: Esther Cuerett

Bermuda
July 23, 1873

Dear Aunt Anna,

I am staying at Grandma's now, I came here two weeks ago tomorrow. Papa is not here but is coming.

Uncle Will and Erving was here a week ago, and Erving dressed up like a [illegible], and pretended he was Bridget, and he acted like one too.

You have never written to me, now I expect a letter for me from you.

I have the Shingles on my left side, and Aunt Mary told me that you have had them.

I would of liked you to come with Aunt Mary, because I want to see you very much.

I expect you would like to see Marion, she is a very nice and pretty baby, she can say Papa and Mama, and she says nana, and she means grandma, she also says Jeff. Marion takes hold of a [illegible] and pushes it along, walking, she is now calling "Nana", so cute.

Frankie is here now I presume you know.

Frank put the swing up, and I enjoy myself very much a swinging.

I go on the hay loads most every day, and am getting very fat.

I ov care of Aunt Mary Your loving nice

Bertha

Utica N. Y. May 24, 1893.

My dear cousin Annie.-

My conscience has been very troublesome for some time past. It has bothered and bothered me, and finally has stirred me up to do something that I should have done long ago. I wouldn't blame you, my dear, if you had thought very hard things about me during the weeks-rather months that have passed, and had vowed never again to write to so unconsinly a cousin. But dear chum, I know that

to have one of us play on the piano while he "sings". I suppose the public would hardly consider the song first-class; but little Albert and his relatives think it just beautiful. I wish you could see the little red-cheeked, blue-eyed, chubby boy, I am sure that you would fall in love with him as I have done. His papa is well, but Hattie's health, I am sorry to say, is very poor. She took a hard cold last summer, and in the fall when she came to Utica to visit, was so much worse that the Dr. advised her not to return to Prospect. Since that time, she, Albert, and baby

have been staying at her mother's in this city. In spite of the change and the care of a good physician, Hattie has steadily failed during the winter, and now, Albert tells us, the doctor thinks it hardly probable that she will recover. She is not confined to her bed all the time, but has her bad days and her good ones. Perhaps the warm weather will do her good, and she will get better this summer. I do hope that this may be, ~~so~~, and that things are not so bad as the doctor thinks for it does seem hard to think that this little

families must be separated so soon; They are so happy together. If they knew that I were writing to you to-day, I am sure they would send their love to both of you. I generally read your letters to brother Albert, and he enjoys them very much, as do the rest of us. Yes, believe me, Annie, I enjoy and appreciate them - although I am so long in answering them - ungrateful girl that I am - just like the Ev- Eh, Excuse me, I was almost forgetting that you are one of that dreadful tribe. We were especially interested in one part

you are altogether too good to have done either of these things. If it were Mary now, that Mary that used to beat me so badly, I should hardly dare hope for mercy; but you — why, you would forgive your "little Clara" "until seventy times seven" if necessary, wouldn't you? Taking this for granted, I shall not spend the time in making excuses for my last transgression — of which, by the way, I do not know the exact number — but shall proceed directly to business.

First of all, I must tell you some very good news; something

that you will be glad to hear I know. I have another little nephew, a little New Yorker this time. The young mare arrived at about eight o'clock A.M. Saturday, and when last heard from was doing very nicely. Ellie is very happy over the event, and James is exceedingly proud of his son, George Palmer Stanford, - for as the dear boy was named by his proud papa even before Dorothy. We rejoice in their good fortune, and do hope that this little one will be spared, it will be such a comfort to them. Ellie writes that she thinks of visiting

of your last letter, i.e. that concerning the marriage. We were not altogether surprised to hear that cousin Eddie was married, as he was of a marriageable age, and we had no idea that he would be content to live in "single blessedness" all his life; but we were rather taken by storm when we found that he had a whole family all at once. My! he didn't waste much, did he? Tell him when you write, that I think he was just horrid to get married ~~and not~~ without sending a fellow an invitation, or cake, or anything. and, when my turn comes, I am going to pay

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ers as usual this summer, that is if baby keeps well and is strong enough to take the journey. They will probably come in June and remain until Sept. We wish it were so that you and Mary could be here to have a visit with Ella, and get acquainted with Master George. My other little nephew is now a big boy almost two years old — so pretty so bright so affectionate, we all love him — He loves us too, and thinks grandpa and grandma Jones are just about right. He is very observing for so young a child and talks a great deal. He likes

him off for it. I must let him know a thing about it until it is all over with - so there now! You may tell him however, that I wish him much joy in his married life - we all do - and hope that he has a good wife who will be a help to him in his work. Our best wishes to him and his dear family. You ask in your letter about Brother Owen. He has been a very busy boy since he left school. After graduating in June, he decided that he would not go to college this year, at least; and as soon as possible began to look around for a place to work. Through

one of his friends, he heard of a position as assistant book-keeper and clerk at a hardware and plumbing establishment on Genesee St. Although this was not just to his liking, he thought best to accept it until something better should turn up. He commenced work the first part of Sept. and continued until the early part of March — when he was offered a position as city editor of the Rome Republican, a weekly paper. He undertook the job, but found that it was too difficult for him, it required a person of more ex-

perience in that line than he had bargained, after a few weeks, he gave it up and came home. The day after he returned, his former employer sent to the house to ask him to resume his old position. This he did, and continued in it until a month ago, when he accepted a place as reporter on the Utica Morning Herald — which he now holds. He has done nicely so far, and likes the work very well. His paper, Our Delight, he discontinued last summer before he secured his first position. He thought best to do so, as the expense connected with it, which

he himself paid, amounted to quite a sum each month, and he felt that the paper was not benefitting him financially. Since then, he has been rather sorry that he was not a little more patient, and did not give it a longer trial, as he has reason to believe that it would have been a success had he done so. Well, "Experience is the best teacher" he will know better what to do the next time he starts a paper of his own. As Our Delight did not continue through the twelve months, in order to deal fairly with his subscribers, he paid the editor of the Public School Bulletin for supplying them with that

paper for the remainder of the year. I think that it was a very good substitute, don't you? My pupil resumed her lessons in Oct. and continued until last month; not regularly, however, as she is not in very good health, and was often unable to take the three lessons a week agreed upon. Last month she took a vacation and, a few days ago, her mother came to the house to ask me to extend it, and to make arrangements for next fall. The latter I thought best not to do; for, although I am very fond of Mabel and enjoyed teaching her, I did not feel justified in continuing another year

as I have this - such intermittent work is hardly profitable to either pupil or teacher, you know - so I have given her up. By this mail, I send you copies of "Womankind" and the "American Farmer and Farm News", papers published by the same company as you will see, in which I have a department for the little folks. It was started about six months ago, and the boys and girls seem to like it very well. Perhaps Howard and his little sister would like to contribute a letter. They may write about anything they choose. I am sure my "nephew"

and "nieces" would be delighted to hear about those wonderful duetos that Howard tells of in his composition. I met your friend Mrs Morgan yesterday, and told her I was writing to you. She said to give her love to you both, and to tell Mary that she would surely write her a letter. We were glad to hear that you and Mary had so pleasant a visit at Chicago. It must have done you good. I am glad, dear Annie, that the weather behaved itself, and was just your kind. It was very accommodating, wasn't it? How is your health now? does Michigan

agree with you as well as ever? I wish that you would get tired of it and travel this way again. We would love to have you "bother" us some more, of course, I promise you, I will ask you to read your morning chapter out of the Shelah Bible, or maltreat you in any other way. I may plague Mary a little, but you won't mind that much, will you? We have had a great deal of warm weather here, this spring. It has been raining some days, of course, we expect that this part of the year; but there have been many fine days, too. To-day is one of them. Yesterday was hot and oppressive, but a heavy thunder shower, late

in the afternoon, cooled the air and made it delightful. It is just lovely to-day. Our health has been quite good, the past-winter, with the exception of colds. Mama took a cold and had a hard time of it for a few weeks. That old "grippe" has bothered her every year since she had it - and it couldn't, of course, pass her by this time. But she has been better than usual this winter, I think. Papa has been very well until this week. Sunday he took cold and was sick abed Monday and Tuesday. To-day he is somewhat better. The rest of us are very well. Now, dear

Chum, I would like to hear from you very soon; but don't dare ask it, because — you know why. Please do not keep me waiting as long as I have kept you. I beg of you. If you do, I shall not get a reply to this until next November. Just think of it! Have compassion on me, do. We all send love to both, Emma says that she sends a wee bit of love to her chum and will write to her as soon as she can get a good sharp point on her pencil. I send lots and lots of love to you, and hope you can read this long letter from your

"Little Clara".

Clara Lewis Jones.
86 South St.

[illegible]

[illegible] Monday P.M. for an
hour [illegible] noon. Stay[ed?] with [illegible]
[illegible] night. [illegible]
[illegible]
and to [illegible] where [illegible]
[illegible]. Mrs. [illegible]
took possession of me as I came
[illegible]. I took [illegible]
with her. She had a great many
questions to ask about our family
[illegible] and [illegible] me the [illegible]
& Mrs. Jones, [illegible]
[illegible] the winter at
[illegible] Florida, [illegible]
She enjoyed very much indeed.
In a [illegible] of conversation we talked
about [illegible] as they had [illegible]
[illegible] in the [illegible]. She
said [illegible] a great many [illegible]
in the [illegible] & they had [illegible]
in all the [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] them [illegible]

come for them which I did [illegible]
F. M. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
the rest home [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
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[illegible] [illegible]
Monday afternoon [illegible]
[illegible] for the making [illegible]
is very pretty & nice [illegible]
& I can [illegible] at later [illegible]
edge like yours. [illegible]
[illegible] but [illegible]
Stand at [illegible] Monday [illegible]
[illegible] not go to church as I [illegible]
sewing. Went to hear the last [illegible]
Tuesday morning, Henry [illegible]
[illegible] Wrestling. By the way I [illegible]
introduced [illegible] by [illegible]
Everett who is well acquainted with him

& with Mr. William S. Hufa Mon.
Mr. Hufa Mon preached in the
afternoon & evening. His sermons
are from ~~[illegible]~~ One and a half & [illegible]
two hours long. So all gone very
Nothing. & there was but one
sermon at each of these
services. — I took dinner with Mrs.
Lynn Lewis & tea at Robt Hughes
Cousin Robt was with me at the
latter place. He came up with
some that evening & I started at
[illegible] & came up in the morning
Wednesday Seth Williams was
buried after an illness of but
a week (pneumonia) Amy (his
widow now) has been quite sick
with heart trouble & this comes
very hard for her. Cousin Mary
has been with them & stayed
after the funeral. Cousin
Robert came back from the funeral
to help me and will help one
week. Yesterday & today have

(2.)

been beautiful days, sunny & warm. Robt has fixed the [illegible] stoop which was saying [illegible] put a new threshold at the back door. It was in a bad state you know but is very nice [illegible] found an old [illegible] the shed, probably a mate [illegible] that had been [illegible] & it has done very nicely [illegible] did not think we could make so good a job of it. I [illegible] found that the [illegible] roof was leaking [illegible] and we decided to patch [illegible]. They say that cheap shingles are good enough for patching. I found some cedar [illegible] at Robt Griffiths, for $2.00 [illegible] thousand. I got five [illegible] two bundles, & yesterday P. M. [illegible] a little while this morning [illegible] was up to put them on, I [illegible] [illegible] & with a long stick [illegible] out to him where the light [illegible]

through. He said it was a great help to him to have me inside. He put on all the shingles & we think it is a good job.
Frank came up yesterday morning to see how many shingles were wanted & & after he left I thought it would be just the chance to get up some boxes for packing so I whipped down to the village in a jiffy, got some boxes which he brought up & [illegible] & I are going to work at it. I have been putting together things all summer. Do not know just how much bedding to bring but will judge as well as I can. I found those feather tips with the things that I had put together to go. Hardly know whether it is best to take them now as I have my winter bonnet made and

your house [illegible] & [illegible]
of your books at [illegible] they have
[illegible] before the [illegible]
the [illegible] of [illegible] were up [illegible]
[illegible]. They have [illegible]
[illegible] to fix up things [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]
people [illegible] it [illegible]
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[illegible] sealed with [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible]
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needed the books [illegible]
& [illegible] [illegible]
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[illegible] some with [illegible]
[illegible].

Dear Sister;

I am setting on your couch end towards the parlor. Birds are singing and branches waving without. The curtain in front hall is fluttering and I hear little crackling noises in the pantry, from the paper on shelves. as they are moved by the breeze. It is six minutes past two P.M. I have had my lunch and a nap, and now will indulge in a little chat with you. This morning after looking, for the third or fourth time, for that "Macaulay,

Frankie is looking quite thin - weighs 110 lbs. Has weighed 130, 120 [illegible] summer. I think she studies too hard. She has read Cicero and three books in Virgil and now wants to read Livy. Frankie out of school. While reading Livy she after will be ready for the Sophmore class. Jumping the Freshman class. She wanted to go home and make arrangement to read Livy with some one in the Saturday during this vacation. Thus go to her & put Louise's & continue Livy during the year. Clara has quite a notion of going to Mt Holyoke. Same time when she can not [illegible] this year, as she must learn first. Maggie weighs 151 lbs. and looks noble they are

Vols 142; in vain, it occurred to me that possibly it might be with my books that came from N. Y., and have been boxed up so long. I borrowed a few books once after mother's death. Had opened the two boxes a few days ago, finding them all right; Well, to my great pleasure, there was the missing book, all right. Have put it with the others to go to Merrill. Have I mentioned that E's mother's Bible is here containing the family record? It was on the table in the parlor. Has at sometime suffered a little from dampness. Some of the leaves somewhat discolored, otherwise all right, and is in study with the

Butter is most well of her Shingles. I was her Doctor as the home Homeopathy of home. Accounts set the baby right [illegible] Dr. S. as he is her physician and understands her. She has an attack like this every year she says [illegible]

Most loomify with a share for all, Mary. Well write to Edward & Zaidee next time but want to [illegible] this [illegible] the [illegible]

others. I wish you could be here for a day. It is warmer than it was the first of the week, Sunday night near Bethel there was quite a frost ~~and~~ whitening the corn and farther North, potatoes were injured. Called at Rev E. Davies last evening & he gave me this report He had taken a severe cold. Sat. was very warm & he had put on the thinest clothing that he had, before going to Bethel. It turned cold and he sufferred all day Sunday Had no overcoat even. Moral. When ministers go from home to their appointments it would be wise to go prepared for changes in the weather. I met Elizabeth Roberts (Morris)

up a box of flowers to send you when I came home. but failed to do so (forgive me) I found a little Alegany vine also.
There was no crop raised in the garden this year. Lizzie said they raised peas here last year, and Mr. Evans chickens got them most all. So they felt discouraged. The grape vine looks very nicely, with quite a lot of grapes. You would be surprised to see the hop vine. Hugh has three tall poles put up and the strong vines reach the top. Lizzie said they had a nice lot of hops from them last year. I got the roots, perhaps you remember, from Mrs. J. G. Jones' near Leobin.
O, I have not told you that one day soon after I came home Mrs. Jones called when I was down to Jane's, and left for me (with Hugh) a bowl of her lovely butter. I do so wish I could share with you. It is not half gone yet I think. I bring up bread and put on my butter here. Was she not kind?

The friends all inquire so much about you, and send messages of love. At David's funeral yesterday I saw Rosellen Mitchel & Ellen Evans. They had many inquiries to make about you both, and urged me much to call. Rosellen said that her father was very badly off. Jane had told me that his mind is in a very bad state, that Rosellen had told her. I must try and call there. I had quite a little visit with Mrs. Griffith Floyd. walked with her from the house to the church. She said that Ruth & Fannie Ellis were at home now, and Maria of course as housekeeper. Annie in N.Y. Nursing. She is but little lame. was very sick last winter with the grip. but is now well. Mrs. F. visited the girls not long since at Whitesboro. She lives alone in her home. one of Ruth's children coming to stay with her nights. Saw also at the funeral, Mrs. Henry Parry. She lives alone also. Gwen & John D. are looking well this summer. The neighbors here take their milk to Sixty Thos. Evans carrying it. So John D. has to take his own & they retire very early and rise early enough for him to get back from the factory before six. So Laura told me. Had quite a visit also with Jo. Roberts wife she is looking quite thin & pale. was very

I have written to cousin M. A. about the medicine

too cold. So we took Sarah's box down there & read some of the poetry in which all were much interested. I brought the box back next day. Will take it back when I go. Shall I not? — Jennie Griffith was engaged to Wm. Thomas, and Mourns his death very much. — I have not found that Vol on Irish yet. Looked cursorally over my books, but did not see it but will search again. —

Do you not think this letter a little better than the B. Herald. Pretty full of gossip I think. — Jane has been quite sick for a few days, Had Cholera Morbus, ~~Monday~~ ~~night before and~~ Wednesday ~~Tuesday~~ Moning, went to See Dr. Sweetwent who ordered her to bed. She is much better. but was not up when I left this moing. — Frankie retained home in a couple of days, She does not expect to attend school the next year as her uncle has been to much expense moving to this year (1st page

cordial. You will think that I visited a great deal at the funeral. Well I was early and they delayed a good deal. There were about as many people outside as in the house, and a good deal of the time I was on the piazza. Mary Ann Lloyd is looking very well. She is at Joseph Francis'. Laura was up to the funeral. at the house walked both ways. Had to take it slowly of course. She is looking some better - John G. Jones comes to church now. So his wife goes home with him not staying to S. School. Jane has our class but wants me to lead while I am here. Rosa Thomas, Mrs. Elwasar Griffith. two of Rich'd Prichard's girls from below here are in the class. Willie R. Williams is growing to be quite a young man. He has a class of small boys. Several from a Williams family from

I enclose Aconite. Do you want anything else?

below here. One of them is Secretary. Mr. George of Rome gave us an excellent sermon last Sabbath. Text Isa. 43:21. His wife came with him. There seems to be a good deal of life in the church. Wm. H. ~~Thomas~~ Williams has been chosen Deacon since Wm. Thomas' death; and seems to be a good one. Wm. J. Price is not looking well. Says he is better than he has been looks thin and yellow. Gwen says he works too hard. Mrs. H. Thomas is looking well. They have a livery every Sunday morning come to the church, ~~bring~~ Mrs. Wm. Lewis Mrs. Hugh. Thomas Rosa, Gwen &c ride up, then it returns & they walk down. I do not know whether they all pay their share or whether Mrs. Lewis hires it. John D. & Gwen came one Sunday in their own conveyance as usual. Have not seen Mrs. Robt Jones yet. Saw Rob's one at Post Office Ellen Davies looks pretty well but is lonely.

Thos. Owen of Ottice is to preach next Sabbath.
I have not told you that in one of the heavy storms this spring a large branch blew down into the garden from the maple tree [illegible] on North row I must have it sawed off the place smoothed and painted. Jane says that Frank will do it after haying. They have finished there but Frank has gone to help Mr. Meathum. Every one is busy in the haying. Some are nearly through "O, the busy month of haying!" There is a charm in it and "a sweetness in the air."
Jane came up with me last Sabbath afternoon and we had quite a visit here, and read some of Sarah's verses. It was too cold for Bertha to come, with her shingles, Baby was a little under the weather also her mother & Clara had to stay as her mother came we had planned to come all of us & visit in front yard but it was

there, also Mrs. Griffith widow of Rev. J. R. G. of Floyd. who came to attend Dr Rices funeral. There was a large funeral (at the house) Rev. E. Davies preached. I did not hear the text but finally got near enough to hear part of the sermon. It was addressed principally to the mourners. crumbs of comfort. Hannah is quite warm and since Dr's death Have not seen her yet to speak to her. This morning I stopped a few minutes. She was still sleeping I believe, at least she had not risen. You ask about flowers in the garden. No pansies or pinks. There were some pink peonies, left (a few of which I took to Laura before C's funeral) also white spirea (mostly gone) that is out of blossom. Deutzia also out of blossom. White & pink yarrow. pink spirea, fewer few. Some roses (all gone now.) There were a great many roses, Jane says. I did intend to put

Frankie is looking quite thin - weighs 110 lbs. Has weighed 130, 120

174 Graham St:
Brooklyn. N. Y.
Feb: 18th 1897

Dear Cousins

Received your letter on our way to the Depot. We are just arrived in Brooklyn i.e. Lizzie and I. Brother Thomas is to be buried in Greenwood Cemetery in a plot of his own Choosin. In great haste from your Affectionate Cousin

Clark

Funeral to take place next Sunday afternoon.
Brother Robert is well and sends [illegible]

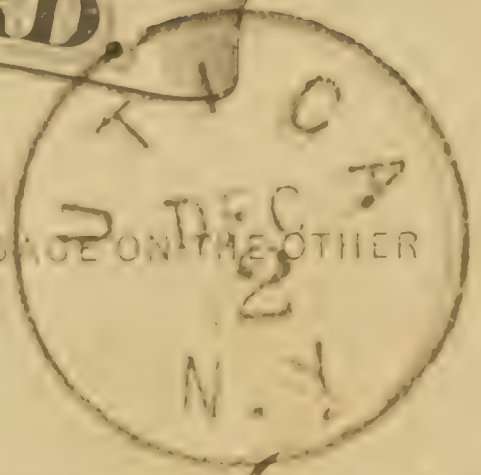
[illegible] on
Thursday morning.
I had [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible].

[illegible] the
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible].

Father came in the
middle [illegible] out the
[illegible]
[illegible] the
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] and then
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the right [illegible].
[illegible]

POSTAL CARD

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER



Dear Cousin

Will you please see that this package reaches its destination? Mama & Leonard it with our best wishes for the future happiness of Frank and his intended bride.

We are all very well, with the exception of cobbs, from which we all are suffering more or less. Mama is very anxious indeed to have you come down next week and stay a week or two. I believe

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Mrs Anna Smith Edy
Stuben Co Ind
Jack Co
Bremen

Brooklyn

Dear Cousin Ann [illegible]

I [illegible]

you was a little [illegible]

I hope you will be able to come

and [illegible] soon I have

such a grand Food it would

be worth while [illegible] to come

down to see it [illegible] you go

complements from [illegible]

or likeness your Mother

Friend Mrs Graves is going to

Peddlen sewing Machine an

had this likeness taken be

fore he started [illegible]

the lower part of [illegible]

rest was to light [illegible]

to your Chum to feel com[illegible]
Julia that I should like to
see her very much. My
best love to all the Girls
and also I shall tell you
more [illegible]
the [illegible]

Yours
Cousin
Mary

Be sure to write to
me

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Friend

[illegible]

you came to Rome three years
ago you could not go to church
and there I would [illegible] it
a great privilege now to be able
to go to the church & not be [illegible]
[illegible] Rome. but must make the
best of it & like Mr Price very
much and we miss him [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] adventure to go to
the English Congregational occasion
[illegible] there is a very nice little
minister there but he is not very
[illegible] as a preacher. We are having
[illegible] delightful weather here but
[illegible] dry. One great fault with
the place is [illegible] not enough
[illegible] visits [illegible]
[illegible] in the [illegible]
[illegible] some of the [illegible] along the
[illegible] sights from here
[illegible] all the [illegible]

have groves by their houses
I can see two or three from
[illegible] there [illegible] by
[illegible] house then I think [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
We have 3 [illegible] near neighbor
here. as near as your nearest
I have been housekeeping
since about the 20 Aug and
get along very well (I think) and
would like it very well if
was only somewhere near home
I have homesick spells otherwise
I am very well my health
is much better [illegible]
to be yesterday I went with
my nephews & neice to the Co fair
at Marengo a distance of 12 miles
[illegible] us about 2 hours to go
that distance the roads are
smooth and level and we had a

[illegible] time going and coming
of the fair was not much
they had some good horse [illegible]
there I felt quite interested
as it was a horse [illegible] to ride
[illegible] premium [illegible]
my nephews horse. I continue
[illegible] horseback but it will
soon be to cold
You have had your Cymanfa
there some time ago and a very
good one it was I heard, they
[illegible] going to have one here after
the Price return. Well I will
[illegible]
David sends his kind regards to
you [illegible] and love [illegible] so much
to you [illegible] and all your [illegible]
[illegible] all errors and
[illegible] to me soon.

Your sincere friend

Henry

[illegible] June 4th 1873

Dear Friend Anna

I have selected the within Sample pleas bring me 15 yards and I will send a P. O. order to pay for it if I do not get some other chance and Oblige Yours

Gwenn

470

3000

Elizabeth Pierce
Mrs John Lloyd
Draper, Mold
Flintshire
North Wales
Great Britain

Please to remember me
dearly to all; Your Dear
Parents, & your best earthly
friends; so Fare-well; but
I hope to meet once more.

N. Y. July 20 "

Miss Everett

My dear friend

I dare say you will be somewhat surprized, when you receive these hasty lines, to find that I am still in New York. = It was all false reports that were in the papers so I intend if well, to start on Saturday next, with the steamer City of Washington she was to start to-day but delayed untill Saturday, to carry the Mail as she is reckoned an excellent one. I hope any-way we will cross safe.

and quick = for you know how anxious I
am, to see my only dear Brother alive - On what
a trial it will be to me - if, I should find he was
put in the cold grave = But, I must submit
to the will of God, He doeth all things well - T
It is true the body is weak, but if we give ourselves
entirely to the care of God, he has promised -
that he will not forsake us, that he will give, I
us strength according to our day = Dray forme
After I left you, my Dear Friends I was very,
ill indeed, owing perhaps to my rest been
disturbed, and perhaps my over exertion
to go to the falls = We reached Elmira about
1 o'clock in the morning, but was ten minutes,
too late for the Cars, that went to N. Y. had

to wait untill ½ 5 in the Morning, at a
pleasant sitting room, in a Hotell close
by — I was afraid of taking a room, so I might
rest a little; And I suppose, it arose from
that — for I was so resolved to reach N. Y.
in time as I thought then — but am hap-
pily to inform you, that I met with other
kind friends; after you — but I did not feel
offcourse as near to them, as to you,
I dont know, what I should have done only
for them — but towards afternoon felt
some better, but tired I assure you
And if there was a steamer going next day
I dont believe, I could have started for
had, it would be a great risk for me the way
I felt

I hope you all reached home safe, and found your dear Mother, And all well I presume your kind & tender Father felt much fatigued = I shall never forgett his kindnesses to me, & yours the same forgett, indeed) I shall think of them. Don't forgett, I beg of you, to write by return as you promised - for it will, I assure you, gladden me, in the midst of my many sorrows - dont disappoint me, my dear friend - and I will answer by return with lots of news, that will interest you = how is your dear Sister, my love to her, and ask for me, if she has been left, yet or since, by the boat = O how many times, I have wished for you both since in N. Y. O that you were going with me across the deep waters. By the by how is Mr P. Williams my kind regards to him = And please ask him (If he dont think, it is getting late). How is Miss Williams excuse all, for I am in a haste to write to all, from your ever loving friend and well wisher Elizabeth Pierce

Mrs A. L. Everett
Remsen
Oneida Co.
N. Y.

away and dress me. And now dear
Annie do as you wish to be done
by and answer soon and don't
forget to give me double

With a great deal of
Love & remain yours
Friend Lou.

P.S. Do write and tell me how
you spend the Holydays.

[illegible] the highest degree [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Kensen Oct. 28th 1857

Dear Anna

Pardon my seeming neglect in not answering your kind letter ere this. I intended when I received it to write immediately but my school occupies so much of my time that this is the first leisure time I have had since its reception. I was very sorry that I did see you again before you left, I thought you would until Monday. I am getting along nicely with my school, I have but one week longer of this term I will have a week or two vacation. I really wish you could come in here some afternoon,

to see as you say how I manage affairs. you would find me very strict indeed. I am so sorry your sister is not here to teach this winter I had thought so much about going to school this winter. Autumn has been here and left traces of its severity upon our trees, and vines the leaves have all deserted them and lie scattered about our yards and walks making our houses appear gloomy and desolate enough, but it has also brought with it a great abundance of fruit; I presume you have a great quantity there also. I am sorry you were not here to attend the big-meeting we had excellent meetings, I like the Rev Samuel Roberts very much. Reading the description of your room makes me long to be with you those trees by each window must make it appear quite romantic. and that pleasant walk you spoke of that leads to the gentlemen's college. I presume you have taken many a pleasant walk upon it; I don't Gettysburg the

place where all who go get married
if so. I suppose that in about a few
Miss Anna L Everett will return to
Remsen a Mrs So and So, then your sister
Sara and myself are to go there to try
our luck so I just wish you would hurry
if we are to wait until you are married
but we will try and wait very patiently

Linel's school was out last week, but I sup-
pose that is no news, I thought he intend-
ed to teach all winter, but I presume
he feels so badly he can not teach as long as
you are not here. aint you ashamed to
break the poor boy's heart. I have been to
your house but once since you left. Ellen
and myself went up there one afternoon a
few days before Lizzie left. I am sorry her
health is so poorly. I delivered your message
to the girls, they in return wish to be kindly
remembered to you both. Please tell your
Sister that this letter is intended for her
also. and I should be pleased to have her

answer it. I must now close after first begging you to not delay
as long as I did in writing, you should always return good
for evil I intend to. Give my love to your Sister and reserve a large portion
for yourself. Your ever dear friend Kate

For your dear eyes alone.

Racine, Jan. 14th 1851.

Dear Anna.

I doubt whether you will forgive me for my very long silence, I humble ask for you to do so. Dont forget the old proverb. vis: If you dont forgive thus you break the bridge, over which you will want to pass yourself.

Well Anna dear, you looked for my visit in vain after all the anticipations, but as the world goes. I did expect to come when father came, but his coming without me was no great calamity after all to me

as I would not [illegible] myself at that time "circumstances alters the case." [illegible].

They promise to let me come next summer, but I shall not dream and think to much of it for fear I shall be disappointed again. It would be great pleasure.

I am taking Music lessons now, and people tell me I shall sing myself "out" soon but I dont agree with them for I think it keeps my big self alive, we have singing schools every week, and also, temperance meetings every month where we sing temperance pieces. Mrs. Williams the singer that sat next to me dressed in black has lost her little girl, that pretty little girl. And Mrs. Griffith has had a baby so you see I

have [illegible] myself more an account of the babies "the little [illegible]

Mrs. Williams ~~[illegible]~~ the "store" lost that fine little fellow I spoke of in a few weeks. I am going to try to have that Harmonion of theirs but the times are so hard

My Aunt Ellen has been keeping her bed for months but is better now, she has just been down in the city. Aunt Laura has moved to Mrs. Jones house Widow used to be, but is wife now and gone away, where we spent the afternoon and Mr. F. Sh. W. gave us the pleasure of his company

Annie James is married to her old lover, Johnny and the Ann are together as often as possible just as loving. Anna Owens family have moved from here and I did not [illegible] her [illegible] speak to her after you

left. Charles [illegible] home
soon after you went away, and felt
bad that he did not see you. he
is now teaching school in the
country. he is a pretty nice fellow.

Dear Anna I dont think you will
a better newspaper for a while to you!
but I must now close of a [illegible]
I have an excellent stepmother
and I feel to some degree happy
home is not the same quite.
She sends her love to your parents
so does also Poe and Father to you
all. Give my love (which is
very warm.) to your sisters brother
and the fat little babies, parents
and all. But take all that deer
heart of yours can accept from your
very sincere little friend
Lizzie

P. S. if you love me answer soon, and
excuse the writing, I was prompted
to go and write directly this morning,
because I dreamt with you last night
I thought you [illegible] with me to
Milwaukie to my [illegible] [illegible]

and when I was nearly ready for the ceremony
you asked me if I would not like to post-
[illegible] it for awhile
now ridiculous for you to do
[illegible] excuse the length
L. S.

March 8th

My dear Emma

Mary has been "at me" every day since she wrote to you for me to write too but I really have not had any time. I learn or at least try to learn the lessons a week in French and entertain company about every day besides trying to fit Mary's dress. I am sorry you are losing your piano practice. You had better come back and stay awhile with us. Mother says tell Emma that she remembers with much pleasure your stay with us and hopes to see you here again soon. I most heartily join in the wish. You will see what I have written to Emma.

Our drawings are universally admired and that little [illegible] you gave me. I am going to get

it proved. Mrs. Shaw's baby is quite sick with inflammation on the lungs.

I do not know that I am sorry that I am not going from home this spring to teach. I had not at any time fully decided to do so. We shall be very much disappointed if you do not visit you this summer.

Sorry intends to go next Wednesday to B. Willie & Lillie want to write but they are not here now.

Good bye and write me soon — Yours aff.

E. B. N.

Big regards if you please to all of your people —

Cambridge Jan 16th 1861

My dear Anna.

We really begun to be un-
patient before your letter reached us.
The children made a great fuss
because Anna did not write. I
am over the stone almost as you
left me, I have not been as well
since. But there is some [illegible] for
it. You never saw a paper little place
than this same. Dreadfully dirt
has been since you left. Baffle
had just become ready for social
enjoyment. It was to be hard that
you were here all through the dull
part of the year. The reason which
is attended to above is that I have
been out [illegible] much. But
I am about well again now and
have learned that I cannot make
a "watch night" of Christmas and

[illegible] without [illegible]
that it is [illegible] much of a draft.
All of the shipping we have had
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] is down and
the change made in this room. It
looks well. I have got a new shawl.
Black White & Gray. Don't you be
here it is gay! Emily is coming
home to-day. She did not come [illegible]
mas — but the boys did. Mr. [illegible]
people particularly — and others were
much surprised to find that you were
gone and [illegible] they could not
have seen you before leaving, they
thought you were going to spend the
winter. This evening last, I attended
a donation for the benefit of
Mr. Little. It was tolerably pleasant
but I can assure you our Quality Bill
[illegible] surpassed it.
I have been delaying an-

[illegible] your letter hoping I might have an opportunity of seeing the trustees here in regard to Cynthia. The weather was [illegible] with any in disposition has [illegible] to do it soon.

I hope you will not be without [illegible] practice long. It will be a [illegible] disadvantage if you do. But there is the language of the old lady "one can't do every thing in a minute" and you must hope and work for better times.

The children are in school. I expect they will be in high dudgeon when they find I have sent a letter to you without giving them a chance to send along too. In fact I believe some of them have something written somewhere.

Anna do you answer the professional advertisement that came in the Herald today? Tell Jennie to do it. If I could do it up right I would. But I must bid you Goodbye. Now Annie do please write me soon. Yours with much love.

C. B. [illegible]

Dear Jennie: The few words you sent along with Anna's were very acceptable. How sorry I am that you could not have come to see me when Anna was here. But you will come when you can. Shout you! The miss Anna very much I do particularly. She is a dear good chick and I used to be so much afraid of her being homesick. Though I know she could not help it sometimes, she never said one word about it. I answered an advertisement the other day, which appeared in The N.Y. Independent "under the head of teacher wanted." I gave your name as reference in answer to a letter from Miss Wilson requesting references. I hope you will "set me up" as much as you can conscientiously and never say one word, that I have written you. However she may not write you. She said she could pay but a small salary and I told her I wanted a pretty good one. I hope you will take good care of Anna and chastise her whenever she needs it and oblige the subscriber

Write me soon to excuse haste, Aff C.B.A.

Iowa City, Apr 7th 1863.

Dear Friend Anna

The old adage, late than never, has prompted me to set down and write to you.

It is a year this week since Mother Lewis came here, and brought a token of remembrance and affection from my friend Anna. I intended at the time to write immediately but neglected continually until it was shame that hindered me from doing so. The other day I made up the dress you sent, for Lydia my second little girl, and whilst telling her it was an old friend of mamma's

that had given it to her, I asked her if she would not like to kiss you for it, she said yes and she would hug you hard. Dear friend it was not because I was ungrateful, or that I never thought of you that I did not write to you before, but simply because I have so many things to take up my time with my little family that it is very easy for me to neglect my duty of writing when I should. I felt very thankful to you for your kind token, and very often think of you and many others whom I should give much to see.

I did talk some of coming east this summer, but have given it up for another year, then if life and health is spared I hope to see you, and enjoy your pleasant company, dear Anna it was a very pleasant time that we spent together at Racine, was it not? I did enjoy your sweet companionship so much notwithstanding the great sorrow, that

was gnawing at my poor heart, you know I had very recently lost my dear dear mother, and expected so soon to see her place occupied by another, it was very hard to bear at the time, but the Lord gave me strength, and He ruleth all things well, It is a great comfort for me now to know that my aged father has a good and kind companion to take care of him, They are both coming here on a visit next month, we shall be very glad to see them and have them with us even for a short time, but it would be a much greater pleasure to have them come here to live again, I do not like to have father so far from me, and my brother also, but he will come west as soon as he is through at West Point.

We as a family are enjoying good health at present, and O how thankful we should feel, and how much we owe to our Heavenly Father for his goo

goodness, and His great forbearance towards us, in sparing our unworthy lives, whilst we are continually sinning against Him and forgetful of His Holy Will.

I must say that my heart fills with gratitude to Him for his blessings, he has given me a kind loving husband and three sweet children, and hath not broken a link in our family yet. I feel that there is a great responsibility resting upon me as a Christian wife and mother to set the example that I should before my family and bring up my children in the fear of Lord, but I know where to go for strength and grace to aid me, in every time of need.

Grandma Lewis and the girls are well and I believe pretty contented in their western home they moved last week into a very nice house, and they have enough to do, which is just what they want. Beck has an excelent situation in the best store in the place. It is a great comfort for me to have them here, as I was rather lonely here before, I am Welsh and feel better with the Welsh. I am deprived of Welsh services, but I am beginning to feel more at home with the English. I must close as my sheet is getting filled, with much love to your parents and sisters & bro. and a great share for yourself Charlie also joins me in love

your affectionate friend Sissie S.

I shall know whether I am forgiven if you answer soon, although I can not blame you if you do not. Is there no hopes of seeing you here anyway?

Phila. Aug. 10. 68

Dear Miss E. M. Everett.

Your note of the 7th inst. is recd. I send you at once a copy of our announcement. It has never been our practice to recognize the New York School as equal to our own - or to grad. male & female students of the one course of lectures. I fear we cannot give you encouragement for doing so at present. Should you desire a more definite reply I would advise you to write to the Dean of the College Dr. Ann Preston. No 1732 Filbert St. Phila. setting

forth the claims you have to graduation & the date at which you attended the New York College.

We should be happy to contribute in any way to your facilities for study & for a degree. That would not compromise the interests of our school.

Wishing soon to hear from you again

I am yours truly

E. W. Cleveland.

[illegible] 16th [illegible]

Miss [illegible]

Dear friend

Are you intending to take Arthur's Home Magazine, next year? I want to take it and Mrs Anderson Winsider wife will take it. If we send together we can get the three copies for $6.00.

I have been hoping [illegible] could come to see me with some of the rest of your dear people. You may love to show all.

Your friend

[illegible]

Ravenna, Portage Co., Ohio.
Dec. 31. 1875.

Miss Anna L. Everett.

Dear Madam.

I might to apologize for my delay in acknowledging the arrival of your package. It came here about a week ago in good condition.
I feel much obliged for the pictures, and my opinion is, that one copy of the pictures presented with each copy of the Covenant, would be more acceptable than only your dear father's portrait in the book. Your sister from New York wrote some time ago, to ask my opinion about having a chapter in English in the Covenant, on family matters; and I forgot when writing to her, to tell that I had no objection to that plan, and that I believed

such an arrangement would, very probably, enhance the value of the Memoirs to a numerous class of readers.

I have examined several volumes of the Cachador already, and I have marked several articles as worthy of insertion in the Cofiant. I will send you a list of them in a few weeks; not with the least intention of dictating to you what to publish, but as indicating my own opinion. You have many friends to consult with, and I do not wish you to follow my advice, any further than it coincides with your own opinions, and the opinions of your friends.

If any one has been appointed to write of your venerable Father as an opponent of Slavery, I should like to know, that I may not encroach too much on his limits in writing of him as an Editor.

I am, yours respectfully. D. Davies

Second Copy

Trenton Sept 21st
1861

Dear Anna

Your letter Sept 19th came safely. I was agreeably surprised on receiving it. I assume you. Its contents were perused with pleasure, and a good relish left for another. We are exceedingly glad to hear that your health is so much improved, and do hope you may come home a well girl.

We are all well. Mother is looking better, also feeling much better than she did in the Spring and early part of Summer

Dear Anna the day you wrote me
I was not making pumpkin pies
doughnuts, preserves, nor jellies.
But I made a visit to Mr Millers
I also made two pails of sweet
pickles. I have not seen any
of your Fathers people since two or
three days after you left George &
I went to Charlies and called to
your house as we went, passing
I was hoping to have seen some
of your folks to our house ere this
but I have not. I am really glad
you are having a good visit, and
enjoying yourselves so much.
I have one request to make
its this, that you bring me some
little memento from New Hampton
some little pebbles from the brook
or a leaf flower or some thing
like (that) I should hold it
dear as coming from the hills
of New H— I very much

recon on you coming home
for I know I shall see some
of you there, as you promised to
come and see us on your return

I attended the County Fair
at Bronte last week. It was
pretty good, considering the
weather it was rainy and very
cold. I staid with Sister in
Bronte. Fannie took a worsted
wreath and a bed quilt to the
fair, got a premium of three
dollars on the the two articles.
They are well at Sisters and send
much love to you & Sarah

You ask how brother George is and
if I manage to keep him straight
he is well, and carries himself
remarkably strait. He is not hard
to manage you know.

Oct 1st

I am obliged
to give this letter another date, as I

did not finish it yesterday I was obliged to lay it aside to attend to domestic duties. This Tuesday evening I am a little tired, I have been busy all day, baking ironing blacking stoves, &c. It is getting pretty cold, we had a sharp frost last night — and the first one by any means — we have had very many this fall, Now dear Anna I will not add any more to this but will take another sheet and say a few things to Sarah

I am a hundred times obliged for your kind remembrance of me in writing to me,

I am faithfully and truly
your friend
Sarah Wolfe

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Holland Patent Feb. 22 -

My dear Misses Everett;

I do not now know when I will be able to come up to Steuben - so I write to ask ~~you~~ if you will please leave the Amt. of my bill for sewing Eight Dollars ($7.00) with R. G. Griffith of Remsen (I have an account with him and he will give you a Receipt.

We are quite well with exception of slight colds; Hope you are enjoying good health. My kind regards to all.

Mrs. S. D. Jones.

P.S. I address to Miss Anna: "will be all right" will it not?

Binghamton N. Y.
June 8th 1911

My dear Renner friends;

Two days ago I
had a letter from Vin-
Syracuse, announcing the
death of my dear and
well remembered friend Jennie
Everett. My sister Mary Alice
and myself have often spoken
of her and Anna and
of Renner. And many a
time have I resolved to
write, but it has never been
done. Years have gone by

Bertha Hall is a doctor in N. Y. Cty.

and changes have come,
Death has entered your
house and mine, and
who of the dear Kenyon
friends are living I know
not. I will address my
letter to Anna.

My sister lives with
me in Binghamton and I
have been here since 1869.

My dear husband died
Dec. 5th 1885. My brother-
in law George F. Marlow
is with us, and we three
compose the family. We
have a pleasant home and
would be glad to welcome

our friend Anna of dear
memory to our house. We
have often thought and spoken
of her and Jennie.

I would like to chear
of Jennie, of you, and of
all your family, for, be sure,
that you are not forgotten.

Victor Henry sends a
great deal of love and
sympathy in which I
join. And we think
you that you remembered
to send us a paper with
the sad news of Jennie's death.

She was a noble soul
and I trust her [illegible]

was such as to make her
life pleasant to her at its
close.

Hoping to hear from
you very soon I am
Sincerely yours

Cornelia B. Northrup Harlow

123 Oak St.

Binghamton N. Y.

Mary Farnham — Mrs. Perkins
is living in Burlington Vt.
Mattie Farnham — Mrs. Webster
is living in Galesburg Ill.
Louise Sanderson — Ayres — died
about three years ago leaving a
family of several girls — Hay lived
in New York City.

44 Steuben St
Utica. May 28th 1891

My Dear friends
Miss Anna & Dr Mary
Was Supprised and Sorry to
see the death of Your dear
Sister Jennie in the Herald
Would have been up to
the Funeral had I been able
to come. I received an Injury
14 months ago and am still

oblige to walk with one
Crutch I have such pleasant
thought of our dear Jennie
in meeting the Father Mother
and Brothers and Sister and
no deafness there, all can
hear and all joyious with
their Savior that died for all.
What a happy change
for your dear Sister Jennie
I know just how you are going
to miss your dear Sister Jennie.
With Love and Sympathathy
from Your old Friend
Phebe Michaels

Ravenwood April 20/75

Dear Anna

I am bored to write to you but ~~not~~ really I am in the go no much that I hardly have time to write to home. Aunt Jennie has written three letters to me and I am ashamed but I did answer one yesterday it has rained here for three days and such a full winds last night I thought the house would go with the wind

Rec. 10 May & Sunday [illegible]

I was very glad to hear
from you and I certainly
shall come to see you
I wish you would send
me a pattern if you come
here Well about the
of stout people wear them
with yoke and gather them
around the yoke and higher
sleeves I think it would
look better for Mary
than the collar Mrs Schuyler
the lady that lives here
is very stout and she
is going to get her one
like this She said it
is the broad-cloth that is
not hemmed on the bottom
or some heavier cloth she thinks

that does not need it I suppose
you are tired of waiting for
them for she could of hard
if she wore it about out
but you know how it is
when you are away from
home. The bouquet is
very pretty you rest me
and it is very fragrant yet
I have heard from home
about twice a week
Allie is got the measles
Geo Beeraft has buried
his father Thursday He
was taken with bleeding
from the nose and they
had to stop up his
nose and throat he suffered
some thing off all

The rest of the fellows are off
well or far or I know
Are you feeling pretty well
this spring I went to
the Park last week
and you would imagine
you had found a new
country ~~and~~ the building
are some thing grand
from the out side we
could not see much except
the different buildings —
there is so much work to
be done yet I dont see
how they expect to get through
so soon I hope to see you with

Love to Mary & Jonathan [illegible]

Lewisburg
Nov 17 '94.

Dear Miss Everett,

You will be surprised no doubt to hear from me. I have often thought of writing to you but have put it off from time to time. I am not sure whether I ever wrote to you or not after I left Dawson, however it does not make much difference whether I did so or not. I very often think of the summer I stayed with you & of all the things connected with & how truly written hearted I was. I think now that perhaps that discipline was just what (in the dear Father's sight) I needed to curb my haughtiness. Do you remember how I used to gather wild strawberries for you after dinner & how much [illegible] I broken your [illegible] I bind you may [illegible] those days & I will never forget them. But ah! how my feeds used to suffer when we have [illegible]

I will never forget it. I can see
every part of the year old place now
& the library where I used to love to
go just to look at the books. Do you
remember the first night after your
niece left you had a hemmorrhage —
and I was so frightened, & helpless?
I am so glad that your health has so
wonderfully improved. Do you remember
one night my saying that I would
have a college education if I was
fifty years old when I started well
I am not quite so aged & here I
am at Bucknell University. I can
scarcely realize it, so earnestly have
I longed for it to come to pass. I will
be four or five years going
through the college & well take up the
Latin division of the Scientific Course.
I do sincerely hope you will write
to me before my boy, as I will
anxiously await your reply.
I am working away hard just

Having entered rather late in the term I have much back work to do in order to catch up, but I can do it very easily between now & Christmas. Tell you kindly give me Mr John Eddy's address, I would like to write to him. I remember how very kind he was to me at that time when my heart was so bitter towards everybody. Ah! no one can ever understand what I suffered that summer in my foolish head strong pride, but it is over now & I look back upon it with a certain degree of pleasure. You will write to me will you not Miss Everett? it will give me such great pleasure. I shall await anxiously your reply, and until then believe me to be, for the sake of "Auld Lang Syne"

Your's very truly

M. Alice Thomas.

Address as.

Miss M. Alice Thomas.
Bucknell University
Lewisburg
Penna.

Constitution

Dictated. Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Friend:

Recently we mailed you a copy of our Floral Guide for 1886, which no doubt has reached you before this; if not, it must have been lost in the mails, and we will cheerfully send another copy on being notified of the loss.

We would call your attention to the colored pages, a new department of novelties and superior standard varieties. Having no agents of any kind, and depending entirely on our Floral Guide to introduce our goods, all our business is done by correspondence, directly with our customers, and feeling confident that you will again trust us with your order, we hand you herewith an Order Sheet and Envelope addressed, which please place insice the Floral Guide till required, if not ready to forward your order to-day.

You will notice that bound with the Floral Guide is the January number of Vick's Illustrated Monthly Magazine. This is sent as a sample copy, hoping that you may see something in this number that will induce you to send us an invitation for the Magazine to make you a monthly visit. It is intended to be a guide and assistant to those engaged in Floriculture, Horticulture and Agriculture; each number contains 32 pages of reading matter, profusely illustrated, and a colored plate of flowers. These plates are often used as studies by artists and amateurs. The subscription price is only $1.25 per year, and each subscriber is presented with a beautiful colored plate of Roses and Pansies, 11 1-2x14 1-2 inches, and every person sending us a club of 4 names for the Magazine with $5.00, will receive an elegant Portfolio of Rare and Beautiful Flowers. Illustrations and full descriptions of these plates can be seen in the January Magazine.

Hoping we may be favored with your orders for Flowers and Vegetable Seeds, Plants, Bulbs, Potatoes, &c., &c. and awaiting your kind commands,

We remain,

Yours, &c.,

James Vick, Seedsman.

SEEDSMAN. Rochester, N.Y.

If not called for in 10 days return to

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Friday eve April [illegible]

Dear Brother

We were favored with the reading of Aunt Mary's letter [illegible]. We were glad to hear you were well and anticipating a visit to the World's Fair [illegible] you will have a good time

Mary Ann is thinking of going [illegible] the [illegible]. She intended to go [illegible] may but the rates are not reduced much yet — she says she would wait awhile if she thought she could [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] much better than [illegible] she doesn't want to go before the [illegible]

We are having cold wet weather at present. It looks now as though we should have a storm to night.

I do dread the storms in the west—
Mrs Orin Ls ~~wife~~ and three children were here this afternoon
The baby is a very small chin
It is three months old
We have sunday school at the school house every sunday at 2 o
Mrs Patterson — Superintendent —
we hope it will be a success
Our neighbors say they have tried to have sunday school here a good many times but always failed
We have two colored boys working for us Robert has been planting corn to day He is afraid he will have to plant a good deal of the land over again as we had a very heavy rain after about a week ago I must close as it is bed time much love from all to both Fourleys or do you possess one if so so much the better

Home
March 17th

Dear Anna

Edward has finally consented to let me write for him, he thought he must go up to the store and write a letter to you. He really is not able he has been on the couch a good share of the day, think if he stays in tonight he will be better to morrow, he hasn't

P.S. It is uncertain whether Mr. Hugh will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

any appetite and is weak. He wished me to say that he cut off 10 yds. and thought that would be enough, if it isn't he will send what you want by mail.
The Children are quite well now Carroll often speaks of his Sunties. Charlie talks considerable and is full of fun.
I was in hopes that some of you was thinking about making us a visit the first of next month. We would like to see Sarah & William before they go to Hillsdale. It will be so nice for them to

stay with you while
the girls go to N. J.
Mrs. Lloyd has called
here twice since I
came from Benson
and she said she
should try and write
to Cynthia, I commenced
a letter to Frank to day
hope to finnish it
soon. How is Mother
remember me kindly to
her. Carroll says with
tears in his eyes I
haven't any Grandpa
now. Grandpa is dead.
When does Sarah expect
to move? It is getting
late and I must
close with lots of love
to you all I remain your Sister

Jefferson Jan 28th [illegible]

Dear Cousins Anna & Sarah

I want to write you a partnership letter as just now I've considerable to do - and I don't know when I shall have [illegible]

Anna need not ask my forgiveness but I hope she will not let so long time elapse before she writes again. Cousin Sarah - I thank you much for the [illegible] you [illegible] - and am [illegible] prepared to return all (and [illegible]) the love you choose to bestow on me. Are you not able to write regularly? use a pencil or whatever is most convenient for you. I am glad your health is so much improved - Lizzie has told me much about you and so did your sisters when I was with them - and I think

very much and often makes trouble
in [illegible].

Mother has gone to bed and Dex is
dozing in the rocking chair. But I
will not go yet. I am sorry Mary's health
does not improve. Give her much love
from me. If she ever gets well I shall
sue her for the letter she owes me.
But [illegible] at present in pity for her
head. My sister is still at the Glen. I
hope she will visit you before her
return. But I don't know what her plans
are. Give very much love to Aunt, Uncle
Cynthia Eddie and the others not forgetting
old Tom for I enjoyed my rides after
him very much. What has become
of that blind man? Lewis Thomas or
Thomas Lewis I think his name was
Well the fire is almost out the good
folks are preparing for bed and so
must I. Much love to you both and
pleasant dreams. Good night.

[illegible]

have said anything against the stories
though I do think Jessie grows is a great
deal better. The cake you sent I put
beneath our pillows and though we
tried very much we didn't dream any
thing remarkable or very distinct. I should
like very much to attend surgery-school
with you. Though we have one twice
each week just across the road from our
house. Jeffe you is a very great place and
Surgery-schools are about all the mate-
ment we have with now and then a
dance. But the last I do not attend
you ask if we know anything about New
York snow storms in Illinois. As a general
thing since my commencement we have
had very little snow - only a few inches
in depth and that only a part of the
time. But last year I should think
from Father's story [illegible] and was [illegible]
ahead of us. This winter we have a
great deal of snow and some very
severely cold weather. The snow drifts

I am rather more than half acquainted with you. I have an idea of your look from your daguerreotype. Mother thinks I resemble Bernard. I don't know whether I shall see your next summer or not. I should like very much to come to see old acquaintances and to make some new ones but I think it is doubtful if I shall. I try to make Lizzie believe she won't go but she says she will just to show me she can. Lizzie has been here sometime and has become one of us. I don't know how I am to spare her even for Sister Mary. Father calls us Peck and Deans' because we always go together as those articles do. But we cannot agree among ourselves which is which. For we are good Hydropaths and Peck is our abomination.

Much love to Lewis and the dear good girl who has become his wife. If Lewis had invited me to the wedding I wouldn't

Sister:

You are indeed a dear sister for it takes three and perhaps more letters to get one from you. You must be enjoying yourself nicely I should judge from letters kindly shown me by my friends. I am glad you are satisfied not to do much sewing; it would only waste your strength on what we could as well hire done. Father is in great trouble about getting the Cenhadwr out again. Davies says he cannot do it in season with what help he has. Mr. Davies is here today for the first day I think since you left. I have advised pa to write to Utica for help, hope he will be able to get some one. Several subscribers are giving up the "Cen." because it is

Only think, last Sat. we made nineteen pies and now only two are left—to tell the sad news at their friends, pa you can, Sarah would like you to get her a good silk dress, to line the sleeves or else get white silk. Pa has written for a printer! Now you may expect to see a visit from your affectionate Mary & family! Love to her and all.

Father and Sister are greatly well though tired

so late before they get it. —

I have concluded to take the same room for next term; as the prospects now are we shall not suffer much from heat. — I must pause now and rundown and sew a few sermons.

Anna darling, as Fannie has kindly granted me this opportunity to write to you I gladly improve it. Thank you much for your letter which I found waiting for me on my return from Mr. Williams. — Fannie is now hunting for a pencil and what do you suppose she found in one of her pockets? a piece of a graham cracker given her by J. M. J., some of his own make. I believe. A very sentimental memento. don't you think so?

We are having great times housecleaning now days; or perhaps I should say they are having, for I have done but a very little. I was up to Mr. Williams about a week and after returning I have not done much although I feel much better

than before I went. I guess I must wait till I see you before I tell you about my visit. I went to have written to you and Lizzie last evening but was most too tired. Give my best love to Lizzie and thank her a thousand times for her kind invitations which I hope I shall be able to accept soon. I have lots of things to tell her but I am intending to write to her. You don't know how much I want to see you both nor how glad I am that Lizzie intends to come home with me.

I am expecting Sis up to write a little in this so I must hurry. Anna, don't you think you can fit me with a paid of gaiters? If you can and if you have money, I wish you would get me a pair something like yours.

Wm. Griffith is here whitewashing today so you can imagine something of our condition. We cleared out father's study yesterday and day before, and O, what a

[illegible]! Jennie and Sis papered it: you may see how it looks when you come home.

By the way, Anna, how do you get along with music? Does he let you play any tunes? Sarah seems to think music has great power over you, else why should you ask his permission to play tunes. — How grateful I am to you dear Anna for so kindly permitting me to write to you. You do not know what a self-denial it was, for me ~~be so long without writing you.~~ Thank Lizzie very much for her letter I will try to answer it soon. I am glad she has written to "cousin Henry," but do not think she need fear he will not "take." How delightful must be the hours of night to you, when soft music fills the air, and peaceful moon-beems float around, and kindred hearts hold sweet comunion! ~~What a child Lizzie is to pre~~ Where did you attend church Sunday? Have you heard Mr. Price preach yet, and if you have how do you like him? I am glad you have got such a good opportunity to practice. Has any one told you how many visitors we have had this vacation. For fear they have not I will tell. Last week Mon. P.M. Celia Maria & Mansie made us a call, almost long enough for a visit. Wednesday I believe, Isabel, Lucy, and Nancy Manuel, were here. They came a little while before dinner, and staid till about four o clock. and Saturday afternoon. Maggie and Libbie, and Mary and Kitty Roberts made us a visit. I wend a little way with them home, and Mary Roberts and I went in and explored the wonders of Hannah Roberts' old house the famous haunted house. We saw no ghosts however. You have doubtless read in the papers of the "mysterious atmospheric body" that produced such disastrous effect in Deerfield and elsewhere. Did you see or hear it at the time? We can not but feel grateful that though it passed over the city, it did no harm to our loved ones there. — Have you seen the comet yet? We have not, but have heard it could be seen in the daytime through smoked glass. — Dont be worried about the Cen. Pa says he does not want Anna to come home — so there — take all the comfort and pleasure you can with your music, and rest yourself nicely, and get as fat and strong as possible during this little vacation. — Thank Lizzie most kindly for my part of Lizzie's letter, the envelope that I suppose belongs to me as my name is on it. — How could Lizzie be so thoughtful as to remember one who is so negligent in writing to her? — By the way, I hope Lizzie will come home again before long. — I am feeling no worse since coming home

[illegible] are having a grand time cleaning house. Hope [illegible] the parlor. Pa's study [illegible] Lewis' [illegible] Lettie came home [illegible] went back today feeling better

Osawatomie, Apr. 7, 1891.

Dear Aunt Anna

Aunt Jennie wants me to write you to day as she is not feeling first-rate We received a letter from Aunt Mary yesterday they were well she seems to be enjoying her visit. Uncle John has got his teeth & is doing very well with them we think It is very warm to day The grass is begining to look green & some kinds of trees are begining to leave out we have had a great deal of rain lately so the ground has been to wet to put in a crop Much love from all. write soon Libbie